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Li Chai-sum Kept Waiting At Nanking.

REORGANISATION OF LABOUR CORPS CONSIDERED.

Both Peking and Nanking are endeavouring to raise sums of over $10,000,000 each for the coming war, according to reports received. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of Nanking is quoted as asking for from $12,000,000 to $16,000,000. Marshal Chang Tso-lin and other leaders of the Peking Government have instructed the Treasury to find "at least $10,000,000 for a campaign of three months," presumably against the Nationalist allies.

Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton is still at Nanking where, according to overnight cables, he had to wait half an hour before he could interview Chiang Kai-shek, the commander-in-chief.

The proposal of a Nationalist General (who is a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum) for reorganising some of the armies into labour corps is to be studied. Meanwhile improved conditions are reported from the Upper Yangtsze.

CALL ON "GOD OF WEALTH."

Mashal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chu Yu-pu, who are in charge of Peking's lines on the two major fronts, have been in conference with Marshal Chang Tso-lin at Peking. Chang Tso-lin has ordered Mr. Liang Shih-yi (the "God of Wealth") to find means of raising funds for a three months' war which will need at least $10,000,000, says the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

Mr. T. V. Soong, Nationalist Finance Minister and brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, has obtained about $1,500,000 but Chiang Kai-shek, says an overnight cable, stipulates for between $12,000,000 and $16,000,000 for war purposes.

May Have to Wait.

Accordingly, the report continues, Mr. Soong has again been in negotiation with the Chinese bankers of Shanghai and it has been decided to issue $12,000,000 worth of "current bills" which will be equivalent to Treasury notes.

The opinion in Nanking is that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will proceed North to the main base at Hsuchowfu where he will personally inspect the Nationalist units in the field. Then he will return to Nanking before going up a second time to direct the much-vaunted renewal of the offensive.

LI CHAI-SUM.

Waits Half An Hour For Chiang.

Marshal Li Chai-sum and his senior General Chen. Min-chu arrived at Nanking on Wednesday evening by special train from Shanghai. They first called on the Nationalist Admiralty headquarters (of Admiral Yang Shu-chwang) and then went to General Staff headquarters where they waited half an hour before Chiang Kai-shek received them.

Several leading Generals and ministers were present at the dinner.

Report on Progress.

Marshal Li and General Chen Min-chu reported on progress in Kwangtung and Fukien provinces, respectively; in the military, administrative and Party spheres.

There was an important discussion on matters of moment, says the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

After dinner, Marshal Li and General Chen stayed the night at the Admiralty as the guests of Admiral Yang, who entertained them to lunch yesterday.

LABOUR CORPS.

General Li's Proposal to Be Studied.

The Political Executive Council at Nanking—the highest authority in the Nationalist Government—has resolved to submit General Li Tsung-jen's proposal to a committee which will include military and political officials.

General Li Tsung-jen is a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum. His idea is to limit the number of troops in each province of Nationalist China, the surplus to be drafted into labour corps for national constructive work, and as the first step toward peace.

His warning is that the Army may become so cumbersome that "new militarists" may spring up within the Nationalist Party.

BANDITS EXECUTED.

Better Conditions On Upper Yangtsze.

Improvement in Upper Yangtsze conditions is indicated in a series of despatches to hand, as follow:—

Ichang, Yesterday.

Bandits have been executed at Shasi and Ichang by the local Nationalist authorities. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Shasi is 287 miles above Hankow and Ichang is 83 miles above Shasi. Ichang is the furthest point the Nationalists have reached. Higher up, Yang Sen is in power.]

Shasi Quiet.

Shasi, Yesterday.

The situation here is now quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Compromise on Taxes.

Hankow, Yesterday.

It is reported here that General Yang Sen, who is in control of that part of the Upper Yangtsze from Ichang up to Wanhsien and a little higher up, has compromised with the local (semi-independent) Generals at Chungchow and Fowchow, on questions regarding taxation of local trade, and ships and goods in transit from one General's area to another's. — British Naval Wireless.

Tang Seng-chi Again.

Hankow, Yesterday.

General Tang Seng-chi, the former strong man of Hankow, who is making a bid to return here, is reported to have an emissary at Hankow, ostensibly to negotiate with the local Nationalist Generals. The emissary's name is Loh Chun. — British Naval Wireless.

SIR HENRY GOLLAN.

TIFFIN WITH OLD CARTHUSIANS.

Shanghai, March 20.

There was a most enjoyable tiffin party in the Shanghai Club, yesterday, when the Old Carthusian Society of China entertained Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C., Chief Justice of Hong Kong, now sitting in Shanghai as President Judge of the Appeal Court. There were present Messrs. A. M. Preston, R. G. Herbert, Capt. L. H. G. Andrews, H. Geary Gardner, T. C. Germain, J. McNeill, L. Wanless O'Gowan, Major J. H. D. Sheppard, C. Trenchard Davis, H. H. Wiles, W. H. Trenchard Davis.

OFFICIAL VISIT.

U. S. Asiatic Fleet Welcomed.

MORE ON TUESDAY.

Extensive Entertainment For Admiral Bristol.

The arrival in Hong Kong this morning, on an official visit, of part of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet created considerable interest.

A flight of seaplanes from H.M.S. "Hermes" escorted the fleet into harbour.

The ships arriving were the U.S.S. "Pittsburg" (flagship), on board which was Admiral Mark L. Bristol, the U.S.S. "Paul Jones" (flagship of the Destroyer Squadron, commanded by Capt. Blakely), the U.S.S. "Beaver" and six submarines (Nos. 31 to 35 inclusive) of the 16th Submarine Division, commanded by Capt. Culp, and the U.S.S. "Black Hawk."

Also to play a part in the official visit to the Colony of Admiral Bristol are other U. S. ships to arrive from Manila on Tuesday, viz. the U.S.S. "Gladiator," U.S.S. "Henderson" and six destroyers, U.S.S. "McCormack," U.S.S. "Simpson," U.S.S. "Edsall," U.S.S. McLeish," U.S.S. "Bulmer" and U.S.S. "Parrott," these being under the command of Division-Commander J. H. Smeallie.

Salute The Port.

On the arrival of the "Pittsburg" and others shortly after eight this morning, Admiral Bristol saluted the port from the "Pittsburg" with twenty-one guns, this being returned from Signal Hill. The customary naval salutes were then exchanged, H.M.S. "Hermes" replying on behalf of H.M. Navy.

The U.S. Consul-General, Mr. R. C. Tredwell, paid an official call on Admiral Bristol soon after arrival and received a salute of eleven guns on leaving. Shortly afterwards, Admiral Bristol landed at Queen's Pier, accompanied by his Chief-of-Staff, Capt. Kenneth G. Castleman and Lt.-Comdr. Charles J. Wheeler (Flag Lieutenant).

Official Landing.

Admiral Bristol was met by Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), Lieut.-Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, of the Scots Guards, and Major Allen, (Headquarters' Staff) representing the General.

Admiral Bristol received a salute from the Kowloon shore battery on landing. A Guard of Honour from the Scots Guards was drawn up outside the pier and after inspection Admiral Bristol was driven to Government House together with Mr. Tredwell and Capt. Whyte.

H.E. the Governor returned the call of Admiral Bristol at 10.30 a.m. whilst Major-General C. C. Luard, Commodore J. L. Pearson and Capt. Hopgood, of H.M.S. "Hermes" are also paying official visits in the course of the day.

Visit To Canton?

Arrangements are not yet complete as regards the official entertainment of Admiral Bristol and his staff. Dinners are being given by the Governor, the General, the Commodore and Consul-General. Admiral Bristol probably leaves on a two-day visit to Canton on March 30 where extensive plans for his entertainment have been made.

Admiral Bristol's wife will accompany the distinguished visitor on the occasion of his official entertainment. She arrived in Hong Kong by steamer a few days ago.

The U.S.S. Pittsburg and Asiatic fleet will leave Hong Kong for the North early in April.

HIGH SPEED TEST.

R.A.F. PILOTS ASKED TO VOLUNTEER.

London, Yesterday.

Royal Air Force pilots are being invited to volunteer for an attack on the world's air speed record which will be made at Calshot in about six weeks' time. Hundreds of applicants are expected and the pilot considered to have the best qualifications from the standpoint of physique and experience in high speed flights will be selected. A supermarine Napier S5 similar to that in which Flight Lieutenant Kinkead was to have made the effort will be used.—British Wireless Service.

MURDER PLOT?

Bomb Expert In Mexico.

SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

President Calles And Gen. Obregon Reported Victims.

Mexico City, March 9.

The Mexican police have arrested a man, Max Holung, said to be a German bomb expert, on suspicion that he was implicated in the

PRESIDENT CALLES.

plot to assassinate President Calles and General Obregon.

According to the newspaper "El Sol," it was planned to bomb the Presidential residence from the

ALVARO OBREGON.

air, also to blow up the trains on which President Calles and General Obregon were travelling.

Holung and the priest, who was also arrested, declared that they were ignorant of the plot.—Reuter.

DUTCH INDIES.

ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY?

TAXING NATIONALS.

The Hague, Yesterday.

The Second Chamber rejected a resolution by Kleere Koper, a social democrat, asking the Minister of the Colonies to take up with the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies the question of the desirability of considering the abolition of the death penalty.

The Second Chamber, at the resumption of the debate, on the proposal to tax nationals abroad, rejected Article II which authorises the Crown to grant exemptions and make complementary adjustments in the tax.

The Finance Minister accordingly asked for an adjournment to the debate.—Reuter.

FAIR WEATHER.

East winds, moderate, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone is now central over S.W. Korea. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

ST. STEPHEN'S BOYS'.

STONE-LAYING CEREMONY CORRECTION.

With regard to the foundation-stone laying ceremony of St. Stephen's College's proposed new building at Stanley, the date was wrongly announced in yesterday's issue. The ceremony takes place on the 27th or April and not the 28th.

COLONIAL PENSIONS.

Four Classes For Governors.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Total Pension Not To Exceed £2,000 Per Annum.

London, Yesterday.

The committee presided over by Earl Buxton and which included Mr. Ormsby Gore, which inquired into the position of Colonial Governors with special reference to pensions, recommends pensions of four classes that Governors should receive the following rates for each year of service: firstly, £72; secondly, £60; thirdly, £48; fourthly, £36.

The total pension from all sources must not exceed £2,000 yearly.—Reuter.

SUB. IN COLLISION.

RUNS FOUL OF H.M.S. "THRUSTER."

SLIGHT DAMAGE.

London, Yesterday.

The Admiralty announces that Submarine L4 on coming to periscope depth collided with the destroyer "Thruster." The damage appears to be confined to both periscopes and one periscope standard.—British Wireless Service.

Another Submarine?

[The L4, which attained fame on the occasion of the measures taken against pirates on board H.M.S. "Irene" at Bias Bay last year, is still in Hong Kong and, we are informed by the Naval authorities, has not been in collision. The report evidently refers to another submarine and the collision must have taken place elsewhere as the "Thruster" is not attached to the China station.]

"ROYAL OAK" CREW.

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

AD. COLLARD'S POSITION.

London, Yesterday.

During the debate on the Navy Estimates Comdr. Bellairs declared that when Capt. Dewar and Comdr. Daniel were ordered Home and left the "Royal Oak," the whole crew rushed to the side and cheered them as they departed. He mentioned that as Rear Admiral Collard was now on halfpay he could not be court-martialled.—Reuter.

ENEMY PROPERTY.

SHANGHAI OFFICE TO CLOSE.

London, Yesterday.

The Board of Trade has appointed Mr. J. B. Knight, who is controller of the Clearing Office with Germany and administrator of enemy property, to be also controller and custodian of enemy property in China as from April 1.

The Shanghai office of the Controller and Custodian of Enemy Property in China will be closed on March 31, after which communications should be addressed to Cornwall House, Stamford-street, London, S.E.—Reuter.

LATE LT. KINKEAD.

SPECIAL FUEL BEING INVESTIGATED.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Samuel Hoare stated in reply to a question that the fuel used by Flight Lieutenant Kinkead when he was killed while making his speed test at Calshot was a special fuel which had been used by the experimental establishment and by two service squadrons over prolonged tests.

There was no evidence that fumes from this petrol disabled the deceased officer. He added the Ministry was following the question very closely. Medical officers in the Royal Air Force had been instructed to investigate the question very carefully.—British Wireless Service.

THE CHINA MARKET.

Better Relations With Lancashire.

AN INCREASING FACTOR.

Hopeful Sign In Subsidence Of Anti-British Feeling.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Kenneth Stewart, Vice-Chairman of the China Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, said that to-day Lancashire's trade relations with the Far East were distinctly better than a year or two ago. It might be rather Utopian to expect Lancashire fully to regain her domination of the China market, but there was some hope that China would henceforth become a continually increasing factor of Lancashire trade.

A hopeful sign from the Lancashire viewpoint was that the intense anti-British feelings had subsided and were replaced by at least a moderately friendly attitude towards us.—Reuter.

"THE OBSERVER."

SUED BY LOCAL PRINTING PRESS.

CLAIM FOR $217.

"The Observer Company and Others" were the defendants in an action mentioned in the Summary Court this morning in which the Local Printing Press were the plaintiffs, claiming $217.40.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton (newly admitted solicitor) represented defendants.

A representative of the plaintiff Company appeared and handed to Mr. Justice J. R. Wood a card.

Mr. Marton said he was instructed to ask for a fortnight's adjournment. He understood the matter was being settled.

His Honour, (addressing the representative of the plaintiff Company) asked if it were not a Limited Company.

On receiving a reply in the affirmative, His Honour said that the right course for plaintiff's representative to adopt was to instruct a solicitor.

Plaintiff's representative opposed the adjournment but His Honour granted a week's adjournment and instructed plaintiff to employ a solicitor.

LADY MOTORIST.

ALLEGEDLY INTOXICATED WHILST DRIVING.

A CORRECTION.

We have been requested by H.E. the Governor to publish the following correction:

In a press report of March 21, under the heading:—"A car in a pond: Charge against Miss G. Gale fails on a technicality: Drunk or nervous?"—appears the following:—

"Sergeant Tyler, on being called, said that His Excellency the Governor's A.D.C. went to Shamshuipo Police Station in an excited condition."

The fact is that the Governor, who was driving along the Taipo-road on the afternoon of February 29, saw a motor car in a ditch, and a lady, apparently in distress, seated in the car. He then drove himself with Captain Whyte, A.D.C., to the Shamshuipo Police Station to obtain assistance, and returned bringing a police inspector with him in his car, while other police officers followed later on His Excellency's instruction, to give assistance.

[The press report referred to above was not inserted in the "China Mail." What the "China Mail" said was: "Sergeant Tyler, who said that he went out to the scene of the accident as the result of receiving a report from His Excellency the Governor's A.D.C., gave corrobative evidence. . . . ."—Ed.]

POPPY DAY FUND.

OVER HALF A MILLION COLLECTED.

London, Yesterday.

The British Legion appeal fund announce that £504,000 was received as the result of the Poppy Day Appeal 1927 including £66,831 collected by British communities overseas.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE BASE.

What The Government Is Spending.

COLONIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Reply To Labour Questions Regarding Wages Rates.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, in the course of the debate on the Naval Estimates, replying to a question in regard to the Singapore Base, Lt.-Colonel Headlam stated that the total Admiralty expenditure on the Base up to now was £508,000. They were spending this year £228,000 plus £300,000 on the floating dock, and had received as a contribution towards that expenditure £370,000 from Hong Kong, the Malay States and New Zealand.

The rates of wages paid to workers were quite adequate. Some people there thought them too adequate compared with local rates of pay. Tenders for a great deal more of the work were coming in at the end of March.

Change of Policy.

During the report stage of the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, Comdr. Kenworthy said he did not lay the whole blame for the failure of the

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty.

naval conference at Geneva to reach a compromise with America on our delegates and certainly not on the technical advisers. There were certain interests such as the engineering and armour-plate rolling and the arms trade which exercised a baneful influence at Geneva. There was also the big navy party in America.

He hoped our 1925 programme would be further amended.

Mr. C. G. Ammon, referring to Singapore, invited the House to notice, the distinct change in policy which bore out the Opposition contention that the scheme was impracticable and likely to result in a tremendous waste of money for a floating dock not worth a snap of the fingers in wartime.

Geneva Break Down.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, referring to the Geneva Conference, said if we had any reason to suppose the 8-inch gun cruisers would be limited in the future by other countries, we would repeat we were quite willing to stop building 8-inch gun cruisers.

He emphasised that the conference broke down on the question of total tonnage and not on 8-inch guns. He hoped, if feelings were not aroused and mischief done as between Britain and America, with the advance made at Geneva, we would make some satisfactory limitation in the not very distant future.

The Johore Causeway.

The House of Commons agreed to the report stage of the Naval Estimates after the defeat by 170 votes to 97 of a motion by Mr. Ammon for reduction of £100 in respect to the Singapore Base.

Mr. Mardy Jones, dealing with the Singapore Base, referred to the danger under certain circumstances of vessels being caught like rats in a trap as the result of the Johore Causeway and asked whether the blunder had not been made which would have to be righted in the future.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

SIMPLEX PLASTER CO.

PRODUCTS "BECOMING BETTER KNOWN."

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW.

Although a loss on the year's working of the Simplex Plaster Company, Ltd. was reported at the annual meeting yesterday, optimism was reported for the future as a constant supply of gypsum, which was the stumbling block during the period under review, has now been obtained. Sales during the past year showed an upward tendency, it was stated. The Company's products were becoming better known and were being specified by architects for local building projects.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis presided over the meeting supported by Mr. P. M. Hodgson (representing Mr. B. Montague Ede, Director), Mr. E. D. Shank, Mr. Chau Yue-teng and Chan Pek-chun (Directors) and the following shareholders: S. H. Langston, O. B. Raven, Chung Chi-nam, W. H. Wu and Yik Tat-ting.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

You will note that we have to record a loss on our Profit and Loss account for last year. This loss has been occasioned by shortage of crude gypsum during the latter part of the fiscal period under review as the General Managers had come to the conclusion that the gypsum we had been obtaining from Italy was not wholly suitable for the purposes for which we required it, and that a better quality could possibly be obtained from America. They negotiated with several sources for the purchase of gypsum, and after lengthy negotiations, were able to obtain a supply from America of a far more suitable character, and in addition, at a lower price than we have heretofore paid.

I am glad to be able to inform you that besides obtaining gypsum at a more favourable price, our suppliers have granted us the exclusive distributing agency for the sale of their gypsum in China. The consumption of crude gypsum in the Orient is considerable, and we are now engaged in negotiations for the agency to include the whole of the Orient. In the opinion of the General Managers a substantial business may be built up in this line and we are now in a position to undertake same in view of the shipment which we have received.

Sales Increasing.

Sales during the past year showed an upward tendency and had it not been for shortage of raw material, the result of the year's working would have been very different. Our products are becoming better known, and are being specified by architects for local building projects. They are also being successfully introduced into Shanghai and the Northern Ports, to which we are now making regular shipments, small in amount at the moment, but steadily increasing.

Another building unit has been produced by our Plant Manager, namely Keene's cement. This product is extensively used in Great Britain, America and other countries as a finishing coat for plastering. It has a hard, fine finish, and

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EVENING PAPERS.

BETTER ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

EXPERT'S VIEWS.

Manila, March 17.

A booster of the evening paper arrived to-day on the cruise steamer "Caledonia" in the person of Professor Willard G. Bleyer, head of the school of journalism of the University of Wisconsin.

The professor is accompanied by Mrs. Bleyer.

"The evening paper is gradually supplanting the morning paper for the simple reason that the evening paper is a better advertising medium," Professor Bleyer said.

In America, he said, the tendency is to publish more evening papers and less morning papers.

Asked why he thinks the evening paper is a better advertising medium than the paper published in the morning, Professor Bleyer said:

"The reason is obvious. The housewife, who admittedly does most of the buying, has time to read the evening paper. After the dishes have been washed and the children are put to bed, she sits down to read. The ads get her that way.

"The evening paper is not read in a hurry. It generally has to compete with the theatres, the automobile and the game of keeping the family at home. Consequently it contains more of the light stuff that is not found in the morning paper."

The City Council Electricity Department of Sydney has accepted a tender from Ferguson, Pailin Ltd., of Manchester, for metal-clad switch gear to the value of £93,954.

The provisional commercial agreement between Spain and Turkey, based on most-favoured-nation treatment, has been extended for a period of six months, as from Jan. 1, 1928. The provisional commercial agreement between Spain and the Irish Free State of May 14, 1924, has been extended until Oct. 7, 1928, or until the conclusion of a definite commercial treaty, should that be earlier.

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is capable of producing a shiny surface somewhat similar to that of scagliola or imitation marble. By a special process, it can be used as a jointless flooring material. Experiments are being conducted by our Plant Manager to manufacture Keene's cement in various primary colours, and as the price for this product compares favourably with other finishing plasters, the General Managers have great expectations of its popularity.

Plant Improvement.

During the suspension of operations, the General Managers afforded themselves of the opportunity to make improvements in the Plant, and you will note by reference to the Balance Sheet, that under the item "Plant and Machinery," additions to the plant were made during the last year. The General Managers are now satisfied that we own a much improved plant, with a greater capacity.

Our thanks are due to the General Managers for waiving the balance of fees due to them, and for reducing their yearly fee by half until this Company is on a dividend paying basis. I might state that your Directors have also waived their fees for the year.

With these remarks on the various matters on which you may require information, I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed. When this has been seconded, I shall be happy to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Other Business.

Mr. Chau Yue-teng seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. —Carried.

There were no questions.

Messrs. B Montague Ede and Chan Pek-chun were re-elected Directors on the proposition of Mr. E. D. Shank seconded by Mr. Chau Yue-teng.

Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Mathews were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr. E. D. Shank, seconded by Mr. Chan Pek-chun.

WOOLLEN TRADE.

BRADFORD AND FAR EAST COMPETITION.

London, Yesterday.

Presiding at a gathering of the British Research Association for the woollen and worsted industries at Bradford, Sir James Hinchcliffe said the keenest manufacturing competition in the future would be from the Far East and could be met only by the increased application of scientific research to the wool textile industry.—Reuter.

The Greek newspapers learn that Mr. H. C. F. Finlayson, financial adviser at the British Embassy in Berlin, has been appointed adviser to the new Greek Bank of Issue, and will arrive in Athens in April.

The Hague, March 22.—The Committee of the Dutch Rubber Producers has decided to get in touch with foreign producers and American consumers. Members will shortly visit England for this purpose and subsequently a conference will be arranged with the chief American consumers.—Reuter.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD. OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Mrs. K. P. Chen, Kowloon Hotel, from Shanghai.
Sonoul, from Hankow.
J. F. Rhame, c/o Hong Kong Hotel, from Shanghai.
Fujibun, from Osaka.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1928.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—

Hinton, from Worthing.
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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1928.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 23 to 29 1928.

Date	High Water		Low Water	
March	Standard Time	Ht	Standard Time	Ht
Fri. 23	m 1 18	5.8	m 4 34	1.4
	13 46	5.—	9 25	1.7
Sat. 24	m 10 48	6.1	m 4 —	1.2
	11 38	5.4	6 14	1.5
Sun. 25	m 1 2	6.4	m 5 33	1.0
			6 41	—
Mon. 26	m 0 46	6.4	m 6 3	—
	1 48	6.5	7 9	1.0
Tues. 27	m 1 13	6.3	m 6 —	0.9
	0 51	6.5	6 33	1.0
Wed. 28	m —	6.2	m 6 39	1.1
	1 55	6.4	10 12	1.0
Thurs. 29	No Inferior	High	ner Low	water
	3 16	6.3	1 56	

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			March 8, 1928.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛腰脊	lb.	28	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	28	23	12
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	—	23	12
„ Roast	燒肉牛	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩肉	„	24	20	18
„ Soup	湯牛肉	„	26	20	18
„ Steak	牛扒	„	28	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛西腰	„	40	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	65	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩	„	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛腳	each	8	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰子	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	28	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	7	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	48	26	—
„ Leg	羊腳	„	48	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	40	24	—
„ Saddle		„	46	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬肥腸	„	35	—	27
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	豬腳	lb.	15	15	—
„ Fry	豬什四	„	28	15	18
„ Head	豬頭	„	15	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	45	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	„	32	25	23
„ Leg	豬腳	„	32	—	—
„ Loin	豬腰	„	36	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	85	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	46	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	26	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛脂油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊油	„	46	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	36	20	19
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	36	20	20
„ „ No. 1		„	30	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	58	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	„	35	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	廣東淡水魚	„	28	13	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	32	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	„	26	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	„	36	20	25
Crabs	蟹	„	40	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	28	16	2
Dab		„	48	23	16
Dace	鯇魚	„	46	20	—
Dog Fish	鯊魚肚	„	16	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	35	16	—
„ Fresh Water	淡水鰻	„	30	10	18
„ Yellow	黃鰻	„	22	26	30
Frogs	田石班	„	80	32	25
Garoupa	白鱠	„	80	40	30
Gudgeon	白鱠	„	30	22	18
Herrings	白甲花	„	26	18	23
Halibut	魚	„	32	18	15
Labrus	魚	„	32	22	18
Loach	鰍	„	46	22	24
Lobsters	龍仔	„	46	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	„	30	20	26
Monk Fish	魚	„	35	13	2
Mullet	魚	„	25	13	2
Oysters	蠔	„	26	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	28	14	9
Perch	公魚	„	28	20	15
Pike	魚	„	32	16	9
Plaice	魚	„	44	26	29
Pomfret, Black	黑	„	48	36	30
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	56	36	45
Prawns	魚	„	65	10	14
Ray	魚	„	15	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	„	30	13	18
Roach	魚	„	30	22	16
Salmon	魚	„	70	36	30
Shark	沙魚	„	12	8	10
Skate	魚	„	14	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	48	32	30
Snapper	魚	„	45	26	35
Soles	魚	„	45	28	28
Tench	魚	„	35	22	18
Turbot	大口魚	„	32	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	„	1.28	40	—

Poultry.

			March 8, 1928.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	50	30	31
Capons, Small	細閹雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥閹雞	„	50	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	32	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	38	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	60	80	—
„ Heihow	海口鴿	„	40	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	70	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	60	51	45
Snipe	沙鷓	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	30	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	85	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	香仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	„	24	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	„	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	9	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	48	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	13	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	18	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	14	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	4	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	18	—	16
Grapes	葡萄子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	朝鮮薊	each	10	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	4	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	lb.	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	—	5	9
Brinjals, Green	茄子	„	8	5	9
„ Red	紅茄子	„	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	大白菜	„	6	—	—
„ (Shanghai)	滬菜	„	6	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筍	„	5	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	20	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	16	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	„	12	6	6
Carrots	紅蘿蔔	lb.	6	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	6	10	6
Chillies, Dried	乾辣椒	„	25	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	40	10	16
„ Green	青辣椒	„	18	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱粉	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	18	2	—
Garlic	蒜子	„	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	薑	„	6	—	—
„ Old	老薑	„	6	—	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	„	5	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	8	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮菌	„	—	—	8
Okroes		„	14	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	9	8	3
„ Green	生葱	„	5	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	20	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本番薯	„	4	3	—
„ American	金山番薯	„	6	3	—
Pumpkin	茶瓜	„	4	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	„	15	—	10
Shallots	子葱	„	8	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	„	6	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	9	7	—
Taros	芋頭	„	5	6	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	„	4	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	—	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	5	15	—
Water Lily, Root	蓮	„	5	6	—

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NOTICES.

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KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on FRIDAY, 30th March, 1928, at 6 p.m. prompt.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Sec.
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1928.

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. S. 64.—IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at CHA KWO LING, S.D. III., N.T.," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1928, for the occupation for a period of one year from the date of notification of acceptance of tender of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th March, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of $50 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
9th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

QUEENS' COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 14th April, 1928, at 8.00 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College.

Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, Chow Ping-un, Esq., c/o Assurance Franco-Asiatique.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1928.

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of March, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

B. O. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1928.

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NOTICES.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING
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H.K.C.C. Pavilion on MONDAY, 26th MARCH, at 6 p.m.

Clubs intending to participate in the League are requested to send representatives to this meeting.

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1928.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th March, 1928 at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd day of March, to THURSDAY, the 29th day of March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1928.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1928, at 11 a.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th of March to 2nd of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, March 21, 1928.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1928.

TARIFF AUTONOMY.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PAVE THE WAY.

FOREIGN EXPERTS.

Shanghai, March 16.

The Kuo Min, which, of course, is the official news agency of the Nationalist Government, issued yesterday the following translation of regulations governing the organisation and defining the duties of the National Tariff Committee of the Nationalist Government. These were adopted and promulgated at the 46th meeting of the Government Council held yesterday morning:—

Art. 1. This Committee, created for the purpose of hastening and realising tariff autonomy, shall be known as the National Tariff Committee.

Art. 2. The Committee shall consist of a limited number of members to be appointed by the Nationalist Government, the Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs, Industry and Commerce, Communications, and the Directors of the Auditing Department and the Customs Administration, being members of the Committee ipso facto.

Art. 3. The Committee shall be presided over by a chairman, with the Minister of Finance concurrently acting as such.

Art. 4. The Committee shall establish the following three Sections to be constituted by the several members, and, according to the extent of business thereof, shall further establish Sub-Section Committees with authority to pass resolutions as regards various proposals of the members thereof. Said resolutions, however, must be submitted to the entire Committee for discussion and adoption.

The functions of the three Sections shall be as follows:

1. The First Section shall take charge of:
   (a). The National Tariff Schedule.
   (b). The revision of the Tariff Schedule.
   (c). All affairs not pertaining to the 2nd and 3rd Section.
2. The Second Section shall take charge of:
   (a). Reorganisation of the national loans.
   (b). Abolition of Likin and increase of the Tariff.
3. The Third Section shall take charge of:
   (a). Tariff Policy.
   (b). Deposit of the Customs Revenue.
   (c). All matters relating to the organisation and regulations of the Customs administration.

Art. 5. All resolutions of the Committee shall be executed upon approval by the Nationalist Government.

Art. 6. The Committee shall be authorised to invite and engage such Chinese and foreign tariff experts as may be needed to form a Technical Committee to investigate and discuss various technical matters as they may arise. Members of the Technical Committee, whenever called upon for consultation, may attend meetings of the Committee to explain their recommendations.

Art. 7. The Committee shall appoint a Chief Secretary, and other secretaries and staff-members as may be required.

Art. 8. The Chief Secretary, acting under instructions from the Chairman of the Committee, shall direct and supervise the secretaries and staff-members in all matters.

Art 9. Regulations governing the functions of the Sectional Committee, the Technical Committee, and the duties of the secretaries and staff-members shall be drawn separately.

Art. 10. The foregoing regulations shall become effective from date of promulgation.

Chambers And Likin.

Peking, Mar. 14.

The vernacular papers state that the All-China Union of Chambers of Commerce have addressed a communication to the Tariff Autonomy Committee urging that likin should be abolished simultaneously with an increase of tariff and stating that they will oppose any suggestion contrary to this.—Reuter.

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TWO DISASTROUS FIRES IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, March 17.

A fire, destroying 135 nipa homes and leaving approximately 600 persons homeless, swept the barrios of San Antonio and Santa Monica, Pampanga, yesterday morning according to a message received at American Red Cross headquarters here last night.

The message telling of the blaze came from Sotero Baluyut, governor of Pampanga, and although it failed to give details concerning the disaster, it stated that there was an urgent need of aid and appealed to the Red Cross for help.

Inquiry made last night at Constabulary headquarters furnished little further information.

Autoists returning to Manila from Pampanga reported that they had heard of a fire north of Mt. Arayat but likewise could furnish little or no information.

The Red Cross took steps upon receiving Governor Baluyut's message to send relief to the fire victims.

Dr. T. Abad, chief of the Red Cross dental division and a relief worker together with R. E. Riordan and A. Barbayto both of the local Red Cross offices, left the city about 6 p.m. by motor for the stricken barrios.

The Red Cross party will make a survey of the damage done and determine the amount of food and clothing supplies needed this morning.

Temporary relief quarters, however, will be erected immediately.

Advices received by the Manila R. R. Company would indicate that the fire reported by Governor Baluyut was the second serious disaster that occurred in this province within two days, as the railroad company was informed that thirty houses had been destroyed in a conflagration at Sexmoan, Pampanga, on Monday afternoon.

At least 250 persons were reported homeless. The cause of the fire at Sexmoan was not learned. The area burned is believed to have been occupied by fishermen and their families. The damage was estimated at P5,000.

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NOTICE.

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

FROM 17th March, 1928, until further notice, telephone service between HONG KONG and KOWLOON will be restricted owing to harbour dredging operations necessitating the removal of our submarine cables and resulting in a reduction in the number of junctions available to carry the Telephone Traffic between the above mentioned places.

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The new "Sea Belle" has a gross tonnage of 1,050, and will have accommodation for 60 passengers and crew. She is about 200 feet long and has a moulded breadth of 33 feet 6 inches. She has been specially built for cruising round the coast and long deep sea voyages and can cover a radius of 4,000 miles at ten knots an hour.

Built on the same graceful lines as the present "Sea Belle," the new vessel will have a figurehead carved of teak in the bows, consisting of a gilded mermaid with the arms of the Straits Settlements in their correct heraldic colours at the base of the figure.

Wireless Set.

The yacht is lighted throughout by electricity, the generating set consisting of a compound two-crank engine of the enclosed type, supplying current at 105 volts and suitable for charging the emergency batteries. This will supply electricity, not only for the lighting of the yacht, but also for the wireless, fans, refrigerator and workshop motors.

The half-kilowatt Marconi Quench Gap wireless set is to be installed, with receiving and transmitting gear, capable of being used from the ship's main or battery current.

The "Sea Belle" will carry a twenty-five foot motor launch, with 28/30 h.p. motor, two twenty-six foot lifeboats, two twenty-four foot gigs, and one sixteen foot dinghy.

The vessel has twin-screws capable of propelling her at twelve knots an hour. Evaporating and distilling plant has been installed.

Deck Fittings.

On the upper deck there is a teak deck-house, forward of the boiler casing, containing a dining saloon with pantry and service room adjoining and staircase leading to the promenade deck. The after part of this house contains single-berth state rooms and two bathrooms. The European and native galleys will be amidships.

Aft of the engine room casing there is another teak deck-house containing accommodation for the ship's officers, with a mess-room at the forward end. The captain's and chief officer's cabins and bathrooms will be on the starboard side of this deck-house and the chief, second and third engineers' accommodation on the port side.

A deck-house containing a spacious entrance hall and waiting room at the fore end occupies part of the promenade deck. Here is the Governor's day cabin and two state-rooms each having dressing rooms and bathroom communicating, a reception room and verandah of teak is installed abaft the engine casing.

The bridge deck is at the forward end of the awning deck, built of teak with a glazed shelter across the front and along the sides. The captain's day cabin, chart house and wireless room are in the deck house. The vessel and machinery are built to Lloyd's A1 yacht class.

The Dining Saloon.

In the forward deck house is the dining room with good seating accommodation and tastefully panelled throughout in teak, with double swing type doors. Marble-topped sideboards are fitted in the saloon, whilst the dining room chairs will be suitably secured to the deck and are not of the swivel pattern. The tables will be of polished teak and the whole decorative scheme is to the builder's first-class yacht practice.

A staircase leads from the dining saloon to the promenade deck and has been specially designed and handsomely finished.

In this deck-house, there are also four staterooms with doors leading into the fore and aft passageways. There are two bathrooms, one on each side of the passageway and communicating with the staterooms, each containing, a shower bath in addition to the usual appurtenances.

The aft deck-house contains five cabins, for the captain, chief officer, chief engineer, second engineer and third engineer, with separate bathrooms. At the forward end is the mess-room, the full width of the deck-house, and containing a pantry on the starboard side. The cabins are most comfortably furnished.

In the forward deck-house is the entrance hall and waiting room at the fore end, neatly panelled and fitted with upholstered settee, tables, etc., whilst the staircase is specially designed and well finished in all respects and in keeping with the general decorative scheme.

The Governor's Deck Cabin.

The Governor's deck cabin runs the full width of the deck house and contains a roll-top desk, tables, bookcase, chairs, etc. Two state-rooms are also built into this deck-house, finished in a very high-class manner, whilst each of the rooms will be in communication with large dressing rooms, fitted with wardrobes, dressing tables, easy chairs and settees, and from the dressing rooms will lead the bathrooms.

The aft deck-house contains the reception room and verandah and the former communicating with the verandah and the latter opening on to the aft end of the house.

The sun deck extends the full length and width of the promenade deck and is covered with painted canvas. At the fore end of the sun deck is the navigating bridge, partly forming the roof of the Governor's deck house, and with a narrow teak deck extending to each side.

The "Sea Belle II" is at present in charge of Captain Bartlett, late Commodore of the P. & O. S. N. Co., who will return to the United Kingdom. The Chief Officer, Commander J. T. B. Notley, R.N. (now retired from the Navy), will take over the command of the vessel. Commander Notley was, until recently, Assistant Superintendent of Customs in Perak.

The "Sea Belle II" will fly the Blue Ensign with the Colony's Arms emblazoned on the fly. It yet remains to be decided what will be done with the old yacht. She is in such a worn out state that she will probably be sold for scrap. Her boilers have had their day.

From the yard of the Rotterdam Dry Dock Co., the motor tanker "President Francqui" was launched on January 17, to the order of the Com. Financiere Belge des Petroles. She carries about 6,750 tons and will have an 1850 b.h.p. Harland-P. and W. engine.

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TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The arrival of vessels as recorded at the Harbour Office, in the time under review, ending at 9 a.m. this morning includes a list of 13 vessels, of which the Japanese and Chinese figure prominently with 5 arrivals each.

The cargo imported to the Colony by the above number of steamers, totals 2,964 tons, to which the 2 British vessels contributed 60 tons.

Cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, amounts to the total of 9,999 tons, 1,600 tons are being transported by the British vessels.

With regard to the above figures, the best return shown by one vessel for merchandise imported to the Colony was given by the s.s. "Times Maru" from Shanghai, Keelung—Messrs. M.B.K.—1,000 tons coal.

The highest figures obtained for goods being through Hong Kong for ports beyond, was registered by the s.s. "Kashmir Maru" from Yokohama, Shanghai—Messrs. N.Y.K.—2,875 tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived in the Colony in the time under review, totals 623 persons, which includes 340 Asiatic deck; 239 Asiatic cabin; 44 European cabin.

Departures.

For Swatow: — Hydrangea, Ichang, Deli Maru.
For Macao:—Tak Hing, Airjana Maru No. 24.
For Whampoa:—Times Maru.
For Saigon:—Prominent.
For Singapore:—Daviken.
For Shanghai:—Benavon.
For Canton:—Reko Maru.
For Autau:—Tak Hing.
For Hoihow:—Limchow.

Clearances.

For Chenwangtao:—Atlantic.
For Swatow:—Lushan Maru.
For Takao:—Taisoku Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In Port
British	2	3	23
Japanese	5	4	8
Norwegian	0	2	3
Chinese	5	2	14
French	0	1	2
Swedish	1	0	1
German	0	0	1
Dutch	0	0	5
Portuguese	0	0	2
	13	12	59

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:—North Wall Basin, Cornflower, Magnolia and Serapis; South Wall Basin, Petersfield and Marazion; East Wall Basin, Moth, Seamew, Gannet and L27; North Arm, Iroquois and Belgol; In Dock, Bruce, Somme and Sirdar; Buoy 4, Foxglove; Buoy 5, Cumberland; Buoy 6, Hermes; Buoy 7, Titania and Subs.; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs.; Buoy 9, Tarantula; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Kowloon Anchorage, Francol. Foreign Men-o'-War, U.S. Ships Sacramento, Pampanga, Pittsburg, Paul Jones, Beaver and Subs.; Portuguese, Patria and Pero de Alenquer.

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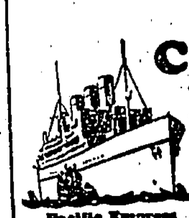
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LAPLATA MARU .....Friday, 27th April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Thursday, 5th April.
BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) Thursday, 19th April.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CANADA MARU .....Saturday, 31st March.
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TACOMA MARU .....Sunday, 25th March.
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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
†LAHORE	5,252	7th May	Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
†KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June	Marseilles & London
*ALIPORE	5,273	5th June	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
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The Chinese owned s.s. "Hoi Cheong" (Hong Kong-Wuchow run), reports of the piracy of which on March 9 have already appeared locally, arrived in Hong Kong for the first time since the piracy last night. It appears that the ship was looted of cargo of the value of $70,000 whilst the ship's compradore, Wong Lam, and seven members of his department were kidnapped.

The scene of the pirates' attack was near Tit Hau Kok, Sam Shui district, where fire was opened from the shore and pirates boarded from sampans. Half of the cargo was landed at Tit Hau Kok and later anchor was raised and the ship taken lower down the river to San Hui where the remaining cargo was taken ashore.

It was whilst at San Hui that the Chinese gunboat "Kong Tai" appeared on the scene in consequence of a report made by the s.s. "Taiming." The "Kong Tai" opened fire and the pirates fled to the shore in sampans but by this time the complete cargo had been taken and the compradore's staff taken away.

The "Hoi Cheong" was escorted to Canton and immediate operations were taken in the neighbourhood of the piracy, it is reported. There were some forty arrests made.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Kashima Maru" from Shanghai and Japan on March 23 were:—

Mr. S. Akaishi, Mr. K. Abe, Mr. T. Kume, Mr. K. Miyamoto, Mr. R. Matsuoka, Mr. S. Miyamoto, Mr. S. Matsuda, Mr. Y. Mori, Mr. K. Okada, Mr. G. Saitoh, Mr. D. Sugimura, Mr. M. Takata, Mr. S. Watari, Mr. M. Fukuoka, Mr. L. Meyer, Mr. N. H. van Doornick, Mr. S. Fujii, Mr. K. Fukui, Prof. K. Hara, Prof. Z. Hara, Fleet Paymaster H. Hirai, Mr. A. Hill, Mr. R. Inada, Mr. T. Isomura, Mr. S. Isomura, Mr. K. Ikegami, Mr. G. Ikuta, Mr. H. Iwata, Mr. S., Mrs. R. & Mstr. T. Jinbo, Capt. H. Katagiri, Minister E. Kimura, Mrs. K. Kimura, Prof. M. Kusumoto, Prof. K. Katsube, Mr. T. Kawachi, Mr. M. Kambayashi, Commander F. Kumabe, Mr. F. Murakami, Mr. T. G., Mrs. L. & the Mstrs. D., H. Main, Miss R. Nakai, Mr. J. Nakamura, Mr. F. A. Naylor, Mr. M. & Mrs. T. Chno, Prof. S. Ogura, Prof. T. Okuma, Mr. K. Okada, Mr. C. J., Mrs. F. & the Misses D. & J. Oake, Mr. A., Mrs. M. E. & Miss D. A. Parr, Mr. T. Shimamura, Dr. R. Suzuki, Mr. A. Soma, Lieut. S. Shima, Mr. S. Sugawa, Mr. T. Sakamoto, Mr. Y. Takano, Mr. N. Tabata, Mr. S. & Mrs. M. Tanaka, Commander M. Totsuka, Mr. T. Umetani, Mr. K. & Mrs. K. Wada, Mrs. W. & the Misses J. M. & D. M. Whitelock, Mr. T. Yamamoto, Prof. S. Yoshida, Mr. K. Yabe, Mr. C. Yabe, Mr. R. Arisaka, Mr. B. B. Boddy, Capt. H. Eide, Mr., Mrs. A. & Miss Y. Godfrey, Mr. T. Gotoh, Mr. S. Higuchi, Mr. S. Muya, Mr. E. Mori, Mr. R. H., Mrs. E. E., Miss E. P. & Mstr. R. H. Mitchell, Mr. G. Nakamura, Prof. T. Ninagawa, Mr. J. Oura, Prof. T. Okano, Mrs. M. Okano, Mr. F. Okazaki, Mr. K. Otani, Mr. I. Suetsugu, Mr. S. Shiina, Mr. K. & Mrs. S. Satoh, Mr. F. W. Sheppard, Mr. T. Toyofuku, Mr. I. Takonaka, Mr. S. S. Titcombe, Mr. S. Wada.

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T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	HANGSANG ..Wed.,	4th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Y'hama via Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG .....Wed.,	4th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai Moji & Kobe	SUISANG ....Fri.,	13th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Canton	WAISHING ....Tues.,	27th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG .....Fri.,	23rd Mar. at 3 p.m.
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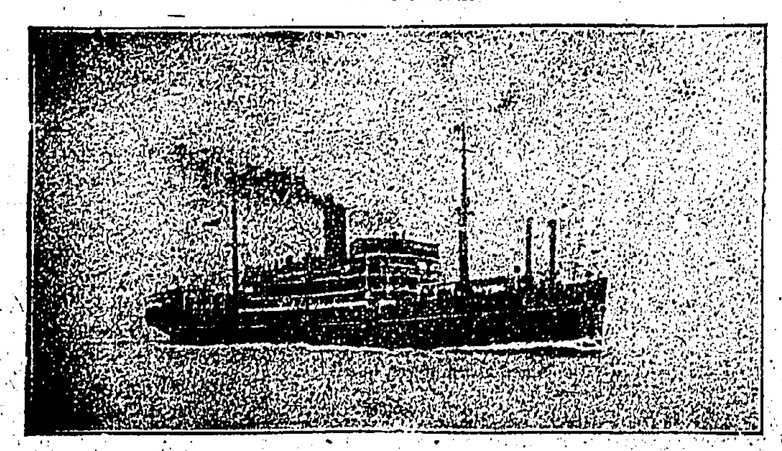

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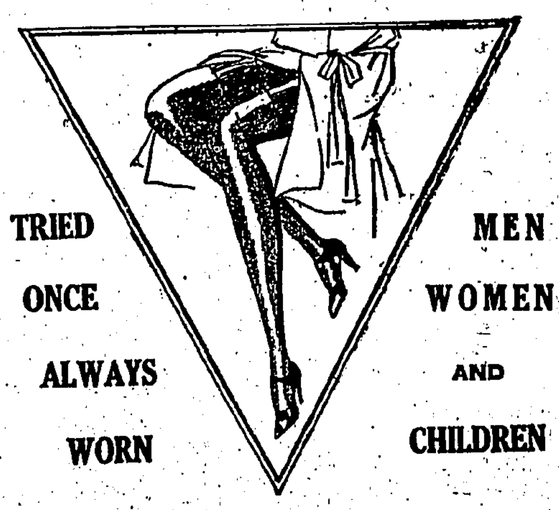

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MARSHAL LI AND CANTON.

The strongest argument against Marshal Li Chai-sum being away from the Kwangtung Provincial Government is that he can more usefully serve the public by remaining as head of the administration in Canton. Another argument is that his previous venture to Shanghai was disastrous if not fatal. People in Hong Kong still remember the sensational coup by the Ironsides last November the day after Marshal Li sailed North. In fact it is correct to say that when he arrived at Shanghai about forty-eight hours after his departure he was virtually out of office. With regard to the contention that Marshal Li is needed more in Canton than anywhere else, we are of the opinion that this is substantially correct. We have recorded the manner in which Canton banknotes and Government securities rose in value during the exchange of official visits with Hong Kong. Such is the best indication of stability and of the public's confidence in the future.

Much as we are tempted to, we can hardly say that Marshal Li has gone to Nanking because he personally was very keen to do so. We have to admit that there must have been some wire-pulling. Certain influences were responsible. We know that Mr. Wang Ching-wei and his Leftist politicians, backed up by the power of the Ironsides, exerted pressure on Marshal Li and then stole a march on him when he had acted in good faith. Who is responsible now? It has all along been felt that General Chen Min-chu, loyal as he is to Marshal Li, is the force behind the throne. And General Chen Min-chu is also a strong supporter of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and, therefore, of the central Nationalist Government at Nanking. Subsequent developments confirm our impression that General Chen's influence is strong. We were informed by a reliable semi-official source, as late as the day on which Marshal Li sailed, that "if he can help it, he will not go to Nanking." What prevented him from "helping" it? Canton's administration has continued to function in Marshal Li's absence. But the value of the banknotes, treasury bonds and other securities we have referred to has come down with a flop. It was not a rebound but a feeling of insecurity. Wholesale changes in the military disposition of Kwangtung province have been made while Marshal Li is away. About seventy per cent. of the province, including Canton and other cities, is now garrisoned by men under or friendly with Generla Chen Min-chu. This may all be for the best, but it has caused uneasiness not only in Kwangtung, but also in Hong Kong.

A correspondent asked in our Sunday contemporary the peoples of Kwangtung and Hong Kong not to be unduly alarmed. His request is that we should view matters with wider vision for, he says, other centres of Nationalist thought may benefit by Marshal Li's presence. For the moment we will not concern ourselves about comparative degrees of benefit resulting from Marshal Li's presence. Nanking has many capable men and the presence of just one will not make much difference. The correspondent's implication lies, of course, in the direction that Marshal Li will be able to perform greater service to the Nationalist Party by going to Nanking. For what? Even if it is to discuss the war we submit that this can be done either through despatches or intermediaries. There need be no heart-burning if we suggest that Marshal Li has gone to Nanking, against his will, mainly because he did not wish to offend the susceptibilities of General Chen Min-chu. Latest advice from Nanking is that Marshal Li may stop there for a fortnight and that General Chen may go on to Hankow. If they will look facts in the face they will concur that Canton is the best place for them.

FIREWORKS TO BE BURNT.

The Royal Naval Armament Depot states in a notification to the Harbour Master, that in addition to the burning of cordite, some fire-works will be fired for proof purposes, on Friday next, 23 inst.

A RICH AREA.

CHUNG-SHAN AND MACAO LINKED UP.

HIGHWAY TO SHEKKI.

Macao, March 20.

Observers of Chinese affairs will view with satisfaction the brilliant promise of events now so manifest in South China. In perfect keeping with the evidences of progress was the opening on Sunday, March 18, of the first section of the Macao-Shekki trunk road.

It is an enterprise promoted and conducted by the Chinese husbandmen of Chung-shan, as Heung-shan is now called, to bring their produce to the marts of Macao, an acknowledgment by the very natives themselves of their faith in the present authorities of Macao and evidence of the need for friendly intercourse between the Chinese working men and the colony of foreign friends—ancient and proved friends—the Portuguese.

Amicable Relations.

Significant too is the active interest displayed in the enterprise by Mr. Tang Shao-yi, the veteran statesman, and Mr. Cheng Tse-sheung, at one time magistrate of Heung-shan city, and now managing director of the company, for this enterprise means the linking to Macao of what might be one of the richest regions of South China.

Most significant of all, however, was the spontaneous expression of respect to the Portuguese by the Chinese peasantry of Chung-shan in particular to Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of the Colony, whose policy towards the authorities of China has always been the maintenance of amicable relations with the exponents of peace and order out of whose rule alone can there be room for hope for the development of China's resources and the enriching of her people with the friendly co-operation of foreign and native well-wishers.

Magnificent Procession.

This public expression of acknowledgment was in the form of a magnificent procession in which there took part nothing less than three lengthy dragons, gorgeously decorated and wonderfully designed, the indispensable lion, fluttering silken banners galore, with heavy embroidery and gold brocade, allegorical tableaux, allegorical animals, and splendid trappings, which assembled on the outskirts of Macao, and then proceeded to Government House, where the dragons and the lion made obeisance to the Governor of Macao, who stood on the verandah, with the Governor of Hong Kong by his side.

The opening ceremony was performed by H.E. the Governor of Macao and among those present, as well as the Governor of Hong Kong, who, with Lady Clementi, happened to be visiting Senhor and Madame Tamagnini Barbosa, were representatives of the Government of Canton and Mr. Leung Hung-kong, magistrate of Chung-shan.

More Solid Union.

Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, in the course of an elequent opening address, complimented the Government of Canton on their praiseworthy support of an enterprise which has a demonstration of the intelligent policy guiding the present administration of Canton, and assured them of Portuguese co-operation and goodwill. He concluded by saying, "this enterprise serves to link in more solid union the ties of great friendship that have been for so many years a bond between Portugal and China; and, that a new era of peace and tranquillity has been ushered in and that it will ever remain an era of happiness and prosperity."

Mr. Cheng Tse-sheung thanked the Portuguese for the assistance rendered to the promoters, and referred to the amicable relations between Portugal and China during so many centuries.

Another Ceremony.

At another ceremony held at Chin-shan, in Chinese territory, Mr. Chan Wing-on, a prominent Chinese, spoke of the presence of the distinguished representations of three great countries as a happy augury for the peoples of these old friends, and said that the people of Macao and Chung-shan had reason to rejoice over a splendid accomplishment.

The Governor of Macao again spoke affirming Portuguese friendship for China.

Sir Cecil Clementi, though present in a private capacity, was requested to speak, and in Chinese referred to the pleasure it gave him to see signs of such progress in the birthplace of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and expressed the hope that though only projected to Shekki, the road would eventually reach to Canton. He concluded amidst prolonged applause. Congratulatory messages from many Chinese authorities were subsequently read out.

Peace And Hope.

The visitors were then conveyed rapidly back to Macao, passing en route the tired, yet happy, members of the procession of homage, the dragons no more the majestic gyrating attraction of tens of thousands of spectators in the journey from Chin-shan through the streets of Macao, eight or more weary miles; yet on the faces of the farming men who had taken part in the procession there was the smile of satisfaction, of greeting—to two old true friends of great Chinese people, Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hong Kong, and Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao—the smile that seemed to betoken a trust in the dawn of a new era full of peace and hope for China and her old, tried friends in the great comity of peoples that is to be.

The Road Described.

This new artery of trade will considerably tap over four hundred square miles of almost the most fertile region of South China. The present production of the district is already $100,000,000 a year and the hope is expressed that the opportunity offered for development by the facilities to be provided will double and treble the present normal yield.

The road from Macao to Shekki will have a length of thirty-five miles, passing many important and interesting centres, among them Choi-hang, the birthplace of the great reformer, Sun Yat-sen.

Nine Miles Completed.

But nine miles of road has been completed to date, extending from the Macao end, and a broad level highway it is, while other sections are being rapidly built. What it will mean to the people of the place, can very well be judged by the noteworthy fact that it is a community company financed by the peasantry of the place. Shortage of funds prevents a better roadway, but its need is recognised and there is the belief that the $300,000 or $400,000 still needed for its completion will soon be forthcoming. There is a promising opening for motor cars, trucks and supplies, and merchants would do well to investigate the possibilities of an important district. Bureau of Information and Publicity.

ARMS CHARGE.

FOUR YEARS FOR CHINESE.

A HEAVY SUITCASE.

An unemployed Chinese appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson with the unlawful possession of 12 revolvers and 1,200 rounds of ammunition.

There was a curious incident in the case when Mr. C. A. S. Russ who appeared for the defence, asked permission to withdraw from the case because, he explained, he had been completely misinformed by his client.

The evidence which led to Mr. Russ's withdrawal was that an Indian watchman saw the accused leave the dining saloon of the s.s. "President Lincoln" on the afternoon of February 19, carrying a leather suitcase which appeared to contain something heavy. The accused was stopped on reaching the gangway, and when asked to open the suitcase said that he did not have the key. He was taken before Captain Miller, port captain of the Dollar Line and the officers of the ship.

Watchman's Evidence.

Finally the suitcase was opened, and inside were found the arms and ammunition. The accused was then arrested.

Replying to Mr. Russ, the watchman said that after the accused was taken before the officers, it turned out that the bag was not locked. It was not true that the suitcase was part of a quantity of luggage which was being lowered over the side of the ship. The witness also denied that coolies were not allowed on the ship until 30 minutes after arrival. They could come on board immediately if required by passengers.

Mr. Russ then announced to the Court that he had been misinformed by the accused and wished to withdraw from the case. The Magistrates raised no objection, and Mr. Russ then left the Court.

Magistrates Unconvinced.

After Sergeant Fowler had deposed to seeing the accused stopped by the watchman and later taken before the officers, Captain Miller spoke about the finding of the contraband in the suitcase, and told the Court that the accused was neither a passenger nor a member of the crew of the "President Lincoln," and had no permission to be on board.

The accused's statement to the police at the time of his arrest was "I was standing on the wharf when the bag dropped from the gangway," and in Court he denied strenuously that he was ever on board the ship, or that he was carrying the bag.

The Magistrates were not convinced, and sentenced the accused to four years' hard labour.

MR. A. C. WARD.

FORMER LOCAL NEWSPAPER MAN.

DIED AT ADEN.

We regret to record the death at sea whilst on his way Home of Mr. Arthur Charles Ward who had completed a three-years' contract with the "Hong Kong Daily Press" and was about to take up an appointment on a newspaper at Home.

Mr. Ward, who left Hong Kong by the s.s. "Macedonia" early this month, apparently in the best of health, succumbed to pneumonia and was buried ashore at Aden. Letters had reached Hong Kong from Singapore indicating that he was enjoying the trip and feeling fit. Mr. Ward had attended the bowls matches which took place between Hong Kong bowlers on the "Macedonia" and a Singapore team and wrote enthusiastic accounts of them to the "Daily Press" suggesting that other lawn bowlers on the way Home should get in touch with the Singapore Club and fix up similar tournaments.

An even more poignant feature of Mr. Ward's sudden death is that he was to have been married shortly after his arrival Home.

OUST THE RICSHA.

MODERN TRANSPORT PREFERRED IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Everyone who has visited the Far East is familiar with that rather quaint, man-drawn, single-seater conveyance known as the ricsha.

The anglicised "ricsha" is nothing more than a corruption of the Japanese word rikisha, or, more correctly, jin-riki-sha, meaning man-power-vehicle, term both compact and descriptive.

The origin of the rikisha is somewhat obscure, though it appears to have been brought into existence about sixty years ago. Be that as it may, this particular form of vehicle, which attained the height of its popularity about 1900, has been decreasing in point of numbers in Tokyo by more than 1,000 a year for several years, and there are those who declare that the day is not far off when the rikisha will have disappeared from the streets of the Japanese Capital entirely.

Decline In Five Years.

As recently as 1921 there were close on 18,000 of these man-pulled conveyances in Tokyo; yet by the end of last year the number had dwindled to less than 9,000, a reduction of over 50 per cent. in five years.

The rapid decrease is, of course, mainly traceable to the introduction of Western methods of rapid transit, such as the motor-car, the motor-bicycle, the tram, the train, and even the humble "push bike." The last-named is, in fact, a favourite means of locomotive in Tokyo, where, it is stated bicycles rose in number from 19,923 in 1910 to no less than 426,862 by the close of 1926. Between these same two dates motor-cars in Tokyo increased from 96 to 13,000, while rikishas decreased from 26,792 to 8,776.

"In the "good old days," when time was no object, the rikisha was used a great deal in Japan, not only as a means of transit in the towns and cities, but also for long distances.

Man-power is nowadays, however, a far more expensive commodity, than it was ten or fifteen years ago, and consequently in nine cases out of ten it is both quicker and cheaper to hail a taxi or go by train or tram than to hire a rikisha.

WHAT NOAH MISSED.

In sarcastic reference to modern hero worship and its financial results, a writer in the "Saturday Evening Post" sets forth what Noah missed by being born a few thousand years too soon:—

100,000 dollars from news syndicates.

200,000 dollars from vaudeville contracts.

300,000 dollars in royalties from book, Forty Days and Forty Nights.

400,000 dollars from song, Let it Rain, Let it Pour.

500,000 dollars from movies.

600,000 dollars from testimonial for gopher wood.

700,000 dollars from testimonial for animal crackers.

800,000 dollars salary as president of Ark Shipbuilding Co.

900,000 dollars salary as publicity agent for animal circus.

1,000,000 marriage offers.

Thieves have broken into the church of St. Willebroeck at Berchem, near Antwerp, and carried off a number of art treasures. They entered through the ceiling of the sacristy, and let themselves down by a rope. Before making off with their loot they drank the church wine.

SOVIET "PURGE."

OF COMMUNIST STAFFS.

OFFICIALS DISMISSED.

Berlin.—As the Russian Government denies that it is cleansing its diplomatic agencies of Communists in the interest of its foreign relations, the German organ of the Trotsky Opposition makes good its threat and publishes further particulars of this action. Incidentally it mentions the interesting fact that a reduction of the Communist personnel in the Russian Embassy at Paris was solemnly undertaken as part of the settlement of the Rakowsky affair.

The "Volkswille" states that the process of purification was begun in Vienna, as the staffs there were comparatively small, and it was thought that a useful precedent could be created without arousing serious resistance. In the course of last month a number of Communists employed by the Russian Government in the Australian capital received notice, while others were removed from their posts without this formality and replaced by officials of a less garish political colour.

However, indignation aroused by these dismissals was stronger than had been anticipated, and Schlamm and Schoenfelder, two members of the Central Committee of the Austrian Communists, were sent to Berlin to endeavour to secure a revocation of the order. Here they were supported by the Central Committee of the German Communists, and the negotiations resulted in the arrangement of a compromise. Under this, while the officials already discharged will not be reinstated, those under notice are being allowed to retain their posts on signing a declaration that they will refrain from all political activity.

In the Rote Fahne (Red Flag), which is Stalin's Berlin organ, it was stated that the Russian staffs in Vienna were being reduced only because there was not enough work for them to do. To this the Volkswille replies that precisely in Vienna it has become necessary to add to the personnel of the Bolshevik agencies in consequence of the 60,000,000 marks credit guaranteed by the Municipality, which means the conclusion of a number of fresh business contracts.

The Trotskist organ also challenges the Rote Fahne to deny that in Vienna and Paris the dismissals were explained by a "deterioration in the foreign situation," so serious "that the Communists in the agencies are too great a handicap." It also puts the direct question whether this statement was not illustrated by a "reference to London, Shanghai, &c."

Once more the Trotskist paper thinks it necessary to affirm that "this ukase of Chicherin was promulgated to please the international bourgeoise and constitutes a logical continuation of the line of making up to capitalist States."

CINEMA NOTES.

"7TH HEAVEN" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Cinema-goers have their last opportunity to-day and to-morrow of seeing "7th Heaven," the remarkable film that has been drawing crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre since Sunday. Story, photography, direction and acting have rarely found such wonderful blending in one film as they have in "7th Heaven." This story of the little street waif, Diane, and the Paris street cleaner, Chico, with their friends, the cab driver, the "rat," the street washer and the priest, is a thing that will stick in the memory after many other pictures will be forgotten. Janet Gaynor, and Charles Farrell play their roles with fine sincerity. What actress now playing could so win the hearts of an audience as does this 19-year old actress, with her smile bravely struggling through her tears, her frail body bowing beneath the whip of her absinthe maddened sister, or at last working and waiting for that "very remarkable fellow," her Chico? Great as is the interpretation of the role of Diane by Miss Gaynor, it is equalled by that of Charles Farrell in the part of Chico, he of the valiant heart, and the gay laugh. "7th Heaven," is based on the brilliant stage success of Austin Strong, and it is one of those pictures everyone simply must see. Owing to its exceptional length only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

Lieutenant Bentley, who flew from London to Cape Town in a Moth aeroplane, was married on Feb. 18 to Miss Dorys Oldfield. They were to start on their honeymoon trip to Rhodesia in the same 'plane.

BIG COMBINE.

NEW NORTHCLIFFE VENTURE.

PROVINCIAL PAPERS.

Practical proof of the confidence felt by the largest commercial interests of the country in the success of Viscount Rothermere's great new provincial evening paper enterprise, "The Northcliffe Newspapers, Limited," is supplied by the fact that requests for advertising space in the new publications have already begun to arrive.

The most important of these takes the form of a telegram addressed to Lord Rothermere by Mr. Bernhard Baron, the well-known tobacco magnate and chairman of Messrs. Carreras, Ltd., makers of "Craven A," "Black Cat," and other well-known cigarettes and tobaccos. Mr. Baron, whose vigorous campaigns of publicity for the products of his firm are prominent features of the advertising world, telegraphed as follows:

The Viscount Rothermere,
"The Daily Mail," London.

I welcome your progressive move. I see great prospects ahead and wish you every success. It is in line with our policy of always considering the public first. You can rely on my advertising support to the extent of £50,000.

Bernhard Baron, Chairman,
Carreras, Ltd.,
Arcadia Works, City-road, E.C.

Mr. Baron's announcement of his intention to devote £50,000 to advertising the products of his company in the new Northcliffe provincial evening newspapers is highly significant as an omen of the assured success of these undertakings.

Science of Advertising.

With large concerns like his, advertising has reached the level almost of an exact science. Highly trained and highly paid experts are constantly employed in analysing the comparative effectiveness of publicity in the manifold forms which it can take.

The fact that the first announcement of the future existence of the Northcliffe Newspapers, Ltd., has led keen and experienced advertisers on the largest scale to declare immediately their intention of taking advertising space in the new publications is the best possible proof of their confident belief that for nation-wide publicity these linked provincial newspapers will carry on the successful tradition of "The Daily Mail."

From all parts of Great Britain there poured into the offices of "The Daily Mail" letters of congratulation regarding Lord Rothermere's announcement of the immediate formation of the new company with enormous resources behind it.

The wide field lying open to this undertaking is apparent from the enthusiasm with which the enterprise has been hailed in the 14 cities and towns which have been mentioned as possible links in the new chain of evening journals.

Lord Rothermere has opened a new and happy prospect for journalist and other newspaper workers by extending an invitation to all men and women of sound journalistic experience to make provisional application—in writing only and in strict confidence—for posts in the editorial or managerial departments to Mr. W. A. McWhirter, at Northcliffe House, London, E.C. 4.

Field For Great Scope.

Among further messages which have been received from leading citizens and business men are the following:—

Sir Felix Pole, general manager of the Great Western Railway: There is great scope for the new evening journals throughout Great Britain. I regard this enterprise as one full of possibilities, and I am sure that business men and the community as a whole will welcome it.

Sir John Corcoran, director of the National Union of Manufacturers: The series of new journals is a notable example of the spirit of enterprise which we have long learned to expect from "The Daily Mail" and its associated newspapers.

Mr. W. M. Furniss, director and manager of the Electric Construction Company, Wolverhampton: There is ample room for a second evening newspaper in a district so highly populated as that of and around Wolverhampton.

Gene Shank, a law student interested in aviation, has established a world record for aeroplane looping at St. Paul, Minnesota, says Reuter, by making 515 loops in 4 hours 18 minutes, which exceeds by 200 loops Maynard's record in France. French newspapers declare however, that the claim cannot be upheld, for seven years ago the French airman Fronval performed 962 loops in less than four hours, a performance which has not yet been excelled.

PRINCE OF BEGGARS.

ON HOW TO "PICK" POCKETS.

LORD KNUTSFORD.

Thirty-two years of begging! I think I can fairly estimate the result as seven figures, representing six million £1 Treasury notes, writes Viscount Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital in the "Sunday Express."

Those figures will probably impress you all if they do not amaze you, but it is incredible how small they really become when put towards the upkeep of the London Hospital, for re-building purposes, and, for what is so desperately important, research and progress.

I must, therefore, still assume my adopted role and play the beggar, the spirit of perseverance with me, the glorious records of the hospital's noble deeds behind me, and the impelling realisation, ever before me, of what must be done.

This lifelong role as "beggar" has embraced all phases of drama. There have been tragedy, comedy, and sometimes melodrama that behind the footlights would stir the emotions of the most blase audience.

Anonymous.

I have begged sums from one shilling to one million pounds, and I have considered each donation of equal value, although 19,999,999 shillings apart!

I remember a man who preferred to be regarded as nameless coming to me and offering to double every pound that was collected for the hospital in a stipulated time. He limited his liability not to £80, not to £8,000, but to £80,000. The most wonderful part was that our anonymous patron not only kept to his word and doubled that sum, but also added a further reward of £20,000.

Then one day a ragged, weather-beaten old man called to see me. His first words were: "Shake hands, governor, I've never shaken hands with a real lord before!"

We shook hands solemnly, and then I suggested that he should state his business. He did, while I listened and marvelled. Extraordinary to relate, he wished to give £1,000 to the hospital.

Naturally my first words were: "Where did you get it from?"

I should not have liked the house of perhaps some friend of mine to have been sacked for the benefit of my hospital, although the intention was undoubtedly good.

But the tramp had worked hard all his life, and had managed to save that remarkable sum.

It is usually women who bring pathos with their gifts, probably because each gift is made with such simplicity and sincerity.

One woman, in answer to the broadcast appeal, recently sent me a donation amounting to a few shillings. The acompanying letter stated that she has been saving this sum all the year in order to buy her husband a rose tree and some plants. She had finally decided that the "London" needed the money more than her husband needed the rose tree.

Humour, too, develops from unexpected situations, and turns what has the aspect of tragedy into comedy.

I once wrote to a business firm in the City and asked them for a donation. After several weeks one of the two partners replied that he had at first thrown my letter into the waste-paper basket. On second thoughts he had recovered it, re-read its contents, and in consequence forwarded a guinea. He stated in a tailpiece that his partner had already gone to heaven.

The opportunity was too good to be missed, so I wrote back and told him that if he wished ultimately to join his partner in heaven he had better forward another guinea. He did, and has done so for many years since.

Success and Failure.

Recently I received a gift from a farmer which read:—"To one who has succeeded from one who has failed!" A man with such a sense of humour deserved to be a success!

Another humorous incident was revealed to me when a letter arrived bearing a donation of £1. Apparently the donors had been listening-in while I broadcast a few words on behalf of the hospital. "At the beginning of the appeal my husband laid half a crown on the table and told me to forward it to the hospital," the letter reads. "After five minutes another half-crown joined the coin on the table, so that by the time you had finished broadcasting eight half-crowns decorated the table."

Herr Dufour-Feronce, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Nations, accompanied by a number of officials, went to Rome, to place before the Italian Government the draft statute for the founding in Rome of an international institute for the unification of laws for educational purposes.

GOLDFISH.

THEIR HOME AND THEIR DIET.

RELIABLE SPECIMEN.

Whether it is intended to keep goldfish for either pleasure or profit, the most important thing is to buy only good specimens from a reliable zoological shop. With very little trouble goldfish will not only live a number of years and prove most interesting creatures, especially if they are fed at regular times, but they add considerably to the decorative scheme of any and every type of room.

The round glass globe should on no account be used. The most serviceable "home" where just two or three fishes are to be kept is the all-glass oblong tank, with a metal base and perforated zinc cover. It is quite inexpensive. The inside should be covered to a depth of about two inches with tiny well-washed gravel, stones, or coarse sand. Weeds are all-important. They keep the water fresh and supply the necessary vegetarian part of the goldfishes' diet. One of the most attractive weeds is the anacharis, which grows so abundantly round pond edges. Weeds with roots should be obtained where possible, but if a small bunch without roots is tied to a stone it will send out new sprouts for quite a long time. Willow moss, ludwigia, and hair grass are a few of the many useful plants that will appear shortly, or they can be bought for a few pence. A little lettuce or watercress can be given if these are unobtainable.

The fishes' home should not, however, be overwhelmed with greenery. Water snails are very useful scavengers, though they do seem to eat up the growing weeds very quickly. They certainly add interest to the small glass home as they glide up and down cleaning the glass with their toothed tongues. Frequent inspection of all snails and other insects kept is necessary, and dead or obviously ill ones should be quickly removed.

Overfeeding.

Goldfish quickly suffer from overfeeding. In cold weather and early spring they need a meal every other day; but in summer they want a meal daily. It must, of course, be realised that if they are kept in a very hot room they will naturally need a summer-time diet. Vermicelli, cut into very tiny pieces and slightly softened, is ideal if given alternately with shrimps, well baked and crushed, when no "live" food is obtainable. The prepared variety of ants' eggs should be avoided, as it often gives the fish indigestion, and the shrivelled-up eggs contain little nourishment. Ants' eggs discovered during a country walk are a very different affair, however, and will be greedily gobbled up.

Cleanliness is most essential indoors, but goldfish must never be handled. A net should be used for removal from one vessel to another, and this should be done only in an emergency. The water needs cleaning about twice a week, and for this purpose a short length of ordinary rubber tubing about twelve inches long makes an excellent syphon. Place the tube right into the water until it becomes full, pinch one end tightly and take the other end out in a downward direction, "unpinch" and a constant stream of dirty water will pour out unaided. Fresh water can be syphoned in simultaneously from another conveniently arranged vessel. The depth of the water in the aquarium should be always at the same level. Some authorities declare that water in small aquariums should rely on the balance of the growing weeds and never be changed at all. A running jet of water constantly in play inside the tank is, no doubt, excellent, but I have found that for four years the inmates of two separate aquariums have thrived well on the twice-weekly arrangement.

The aquarium should never be put where the direct rays of either sunlight or artificial light shine straight into it, and it is well to avoid moving it about from one place to another.

Though they were originally bred in China, it is really due to the infinite skill and patience of the Japanese that these decorative fish bear little resemblance to the ugly grey green of their ancestors, the carp. Nearly every wealthy house in Peking to-day has its rare porcelain bowl of goldfish, whilst in Japan important annual exhibitions are held at Tokyo, the exhibitors being mostly nobles and wealthy merchants. The examination of fish at these exhibitions is made in a shallow tub containing a white earthenware plate in the centre, and great is the excitement and disturbance every time a decision is made by the examiners.—U. G. in "Manchester Guardian."

Linslade (Buckinghamshire) police division, with a population of [illegible] had no murder for a year.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

To-day—World Theatre; "You Never Know Women."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Hold That Lion."

To-day—Dance, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

To-day — Farewell dance by Chief and Petty Officers of H.M.S. "Ambrose," R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

March 24—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "The Campus Flirt."

March 25-26—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Little Irish Girl," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 25-26—Star Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 27-28—Queen's Theatre; "On Your Toes."

March 27-28—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20, "Dancing Mothers," at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese drama, "The Monkey Monk."

March 27-28— Star Theatre; "Drusilla with a Million."

March 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "The Unknown," also at all performances, Miss Chee Toy in popular new numbers.

March 29-31—Star Theatre; "The Runaway."

March 30—Children's afternoon at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

April 3—At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, the Wilbur Players present their opening performance.

Sports.

To-day—Interport Billiard Match, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Meetings.

To-day—Victoria Diocesan Assn. Meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

March 26—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Assen. at H.K.C.C. pavilion, 6 p.m.

March 28—Annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

March 28—Forty-third annual meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

April 2—Annual meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 4—Seventeenth annual meeting of shareholders of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., 6, Des Voeux-rd., 2.30 p.m.

April 11—Third annual meeting of Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., at Exchange-bldg., Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., (2nd floor) noon.

April 12—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. at Exchange-bldg., Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

April 20— Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day — Reception at Hotel Savoy to Mr. K. S. Chowbury, first Indian barrister, 5.15 p.m.

March 26—Lady Shou-son Chow distributes prizes at Wah Yan College.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 8 p.m.

PORTO RICO.

REBUKED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, March 15.

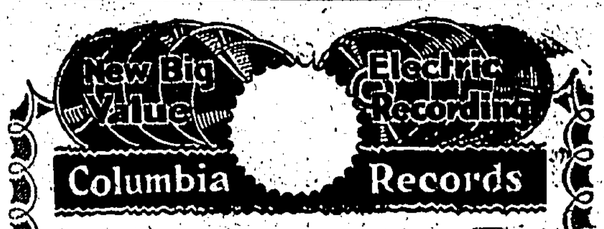
Replying to a resolution adopted by the Porto Rican legislature appealing for freedom to devise means of recovering from "the grave economical situation existing in Porto Rico," President Coolidge, in a message to the legislature to-day, declared that the agitation in Porto Rico for complete internal independence is based on a complete misunderstanding of concrete facts.

The President blamed the ills which are besetting the islands on the Porto Ricans' injudicious use of freedom for which they are "barely prepared."

The message said: "The Porto Rican Government at present exercises a greater degree of sovereignty over its internal affairs than the government of any state in the territory of the United States.

"Without admitting the existence of a grave economical situation in the finances of the government, Porto Rico's present difficulty is exclusively the result of the exercise, by elected representatives of Porto Rico, of authority granted by the present very liberal organic law."

The resolution to which the President replied requested that Porto Rico be constituted a "free state," and not a "mere subject colony."—Associated Press.



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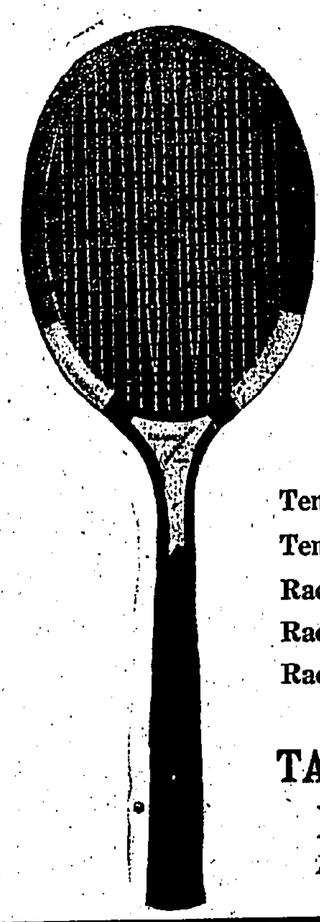

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Mary Ann Warner, of Walton, Felixstowe, has died at the age of 100 years and 9 months.

In memory of Canon Glossop, a Garden of Remembrance has been designed for St. Albans by Sir Herbert Baker.

A three-legged duck was sold in the Central Market, Paris, the other day. The extra limb did not increase its price.

The Rev. J. R. Ackroyed, minister of Lewisham Congregational Church, has accepted the ministry of the Congregational Church at Harrow.

The members of Croydon Toc H. celebrated the fourth anniversary of the branch in mail week. New groups are to be opened at Coulsdon and Carshalton.

Among the messages received by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fletcher, of Westbury House, Carlton, Nottingham, who celebrated their diamond wedding, was one from the King and Queen.

Mr. Morton of the Chinese Maritime Customs was conveyed down from Canton yesterday by the "Fatshan" and removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from fever.

Col. Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, who was recently before the Senate Committee on Public Lands investigating oil leases. He was arrested by order of the United States Senate following his second refusal to answer questions regarding bonds in the Continental Company deal.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Harrison, 90, who was buried at Biscot, near Luton, a few weeks ago, was survived by nine children, twenty-two grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Posted as "missing" at the outset of the war, when sent to fight on the Russian front, a man has just returned to his home in Treves (Prussia). He was taken prisoner in 1914 and had been kept in Siberia, a virtual prisoner, ever since.

The Canadian House of Commons has adopted a resolution for the establishment of a National Research Institute by the Government at Ottawa. The Government's intention is to build the first wing at once on a ten-acre site as an experimental farm.

Washington, March 22.—Members of the Republican Party of Wyoming have requested President Coolidge "to waive his personal preferences and consent to continue for another four years that leadership which has brought honour and prosperity to the country." The President telegraphed his thanks and appreciation but laconically added, "I must decline."

Chicago, March 22.—A month after the expiration of his term of office as Schools Superintendent, the School Board passed a vote formally dismissing Mr. McAndrew on a charge of "pro-British and *anti-American" conduct.* Mr. McAndrew was not present and long ago ceased to attend the trial, terming it a farce which would lead to a preconceived conclusion.—Reuter's American Service.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with the unlawful possession of a quantity of pine needles at Customs Pass, Kowloon City, two elderly Chinese women told a tragic story. Whilst admitting taking the pine from the Government plantation, they pleaded that they were strangers to Hong Kong, having come here from Hoifung, where they had been driven out by the communists who had burned down their houses. The Magistrate decided to discharge the defendants with a caution.

There were no prisoners for trial at Oswestry Borough Quarter Sessions.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has received £4 10s. from Zomba Church, Nyasaland.

The new Sultan of Morocco has made his ceremonial entry into Marrakesh, his southern capital.

Members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong are holding their annual dinner in the rooms of the Institution on Friday, March 30.

Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an interesting address on "The Coming Race" yesterday evening at the weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society in Duddell-street.

The Right Hon. L. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, addressed the Canadian Club at Halifax, Nova Scotia, at a luncheon given in his honour. Later he attended a reception at Government House.

Aeroplanes are now being used to herd vast numbers of reindeer in the big Arctic stock farms in the Yukon and Alaska. Many Esquimos are earning their living in these districts as reindeer herdsmen.

The former provisional President of Mexico, Senor Adolfo de la Huerta, and four co-defendants charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws, have been acquitted by the Federal Court of Los Angeles.

An alarming scarcity of all game and fur-bearing animals, as well as fish and seals, is causing real distress to the native Indians in the territory east of Hudson Bay and James Bay, missionaries from that region report.

In his parish magazine the vicar of St. Paul's Church, Kingston-hill (the Rev. A. W. Orr), states that in the past five years he has taken part in 3,500 services, delivered 1,044 sermons, and paid 9,400 visits to parishioners.

Among the passengers on the N.Y.K. "Kashima Maru" which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Japan and Shanghai were Mr. N. H. van Doornick, Mr. A. Hill, Mr. F. A. Naylor, Mr. A. Parr, Mr. A. Godfrey, Mr. R. H. Mitchell and Mr. F. W. Sheppard.

Three persons are dead and one injured as the result of a mysterious explosion, followed by a fire, which wrecked a three-storey tenement and damaged adjacent establishments in the centre of the business district of Waterbury, Connecticut. The police found the body of a man with a large sum of money upon him and carrying a dynamite fuse. Kerosene cans close to him indicated that he had been the victim of a premature explosion.

Japanese notables on the "Kashima Maru", which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Japan and Shanghai, and sails to-morrow for London via Suez, included Minister E. Kimura, Mrs. K. Kimura, Prof. K. Hara, Prof. Z. Hara, Fleet Paymaster H. Hirai, Capt. H. Katagiri, Prof. M. Kusumoto, Prof. K. Katsube, Commander F. Kumabe, Prof. S. Ogura, Prof. T. Okuma, Dr. R. Suzuki, Lt. S. Shima, Commander M. Totsuka, Prof. S. Yoshida, Capt. H. Eide, Prof. Ninagawa, Prof. T. Okano.

In connection with the piracy on a fishing junk off Putoi Island, reported yesterday, a Water Police launch has been despatched from Stanley to search for the pirate junk. It appears from further details of the affair received at Police Headquarters later, that after they had plundered fishing junk No. 839-A, the pirates overtook one of the other two junks forming the convoy. This craft (No. 1320) was also boarded by the freebooters, and was subjected to a similar thorough search, which yielded $43 in money and other property worth $107. This and the property worth $219 taken from the first junk, was taken on board the pirate craft, which then sailed away in a southern direction.

A pantry boy of the s.s. "Sphinx" was charged before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the unlawful possession of a revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition. Mr. C. E. L. Grist, who appeared for the defence, admitted the offence and asked for leniency, pleading that the accused was ignorant of local regulations with regard to arms. Before securing his job on the "Sphinx," the accused, who was only 19-years of age, had been a golf caddie at Fanling. The parcel containing the contraband was given to him by another man to carry, and he did so without being aware of the nature of its contents. The Magistrates passed sentence of nine months' hard labour.

No case of notifiable disease in the Colony was reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

The amount of metal collected in the waste metal campaign for King's College Hospital, London, is seven tons, valued at about £400.

In memory of villagers who fell in the war a Nurses' Home was opened at Prudhoe-on-Tyne by the Duke of Northumberland.

Superintendent Judd, acting chief constable of Leicester, gave a pint and a half of his blood in an unsuccessful effort to save his wife's life.

Sir Frederic Truby King, Director of Child Welfare for the Dominion of New Zealand, has left Wellington for England on a six months' business trip.

The annual general meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on March 28 at 5.30 p.m.

M. Kurski, the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to Italy, on his arrival in Rome, was received by officials of the Embassy and representatives of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Bucharest, Rumania.—Nicolas Titulesco, Foreign Minister of Rumania, who may be called upon, it is reported from Europe, to act as arbiter between France and Germany in the dispute over the occupation of the Rhineland by French soldiers. Titulesco is close to Aristide Briand, French Foreign Minister, and is also well regarded in Berlin. Europe looks to him as the "Man of the Moment."

Property in the City was acquired by the Po On Company, of 240, Wing Lok-street, at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Sales rooms yesterday. The property and prices were as follows: Nos. 1 and 2 Wing Lee-street, $15,250; Nos. 5 and 7 Third-street, $15,250; No. 52 Staunton-street, $11,000; No. 16 Second-street, $8,250.

Although Argentina's Presidential election is still a few weeks distant, political riots have already broken out in the provinces of Santa Fe and Cordoba, in which several persons have been killed and wounded. The Press, says a Buenos Aires message, has appealed to the Government to take steps to prevent any repetition of such disorders.

The last musicale of the season, at the Helena May Institute, arranged by Mrs. H. Balean, was held yesterday. It was a great success and deserved the hearty applause of the big attendance. Among those who took part were Mrs. Aubrey, Miss Acheson, Mrs. Womack, Mr. H. Glover, Mrs. Cashman, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Mr. Gardiner, Mrs. Hargreaves Brown and Mrs. Griggs.

London, March 22.—Palmer was sentenced yesterday for bigamously marrying Miss Robson, who only discovered that he was already married when she came to London. The Recorder to-day reduced Palmer's sentence to 4 years, stating that he had given the sentence further consideration. While retaining his view in regard to the heinousness of the offence he always endeavoured to err on the side of mercy.—Reuter.

The Executive Committee of the Women's Liberation Movement of the Chinese Nationalist Party is planning to hold an art exhibition in Canton in the very near future. The exhibition will be held in co-operation with the heads of schools, teachers, students and well known artists. Among the exhibits will be Chinese fine art of every description, ancient and modern, marble statues, silk embroidery work, and selected specimens of short stories. The object is to improve the artistic taste of the Chinese people.

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The special article on the suggested loop line to connect the Canton-Hankow and the Canton-Kowloon Railways has attracted considerable comment. The information given will be very useful for the future. The article is reproduced in full in this week's "Overland China Mail."

Several annual meetings of local public companies have been held. Full reports will be found in the "Overland." Other than direct interest in the concerns, business men generally will find it profitable to send copies of the "Overland" away if only to show the recovery made by Hong Kong since 1925.

The event of the week has been Marshal Li Chai-sum's departure for Shanghai and Nanking. Hong Kong and Canton were disappointed. The effect of Marshal Li's visit on Sino-British relations is told in the "Overland."

All the week's local news, the cables and despatches on the China situation, comment and explanations by experts, will be found in the "Overland." China is again in the public eye abroad, owing to the reduction of the Powers' demands anent last year's incident at Nanking. Keep for reference the reports about the latest developments. They will be helpful very soon.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret; from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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LAI WAH CUP.

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Senior League Winners To Meet Gunners.

[By "Rover."]

To-morrow's big match is on the Club ground, Happy Valley, where the Civilians will meet the selected side of the Royal Navy in the Lai Wah Cup. In addition, there are two very interesting senior league matches, one at Kowloon and one at Sookumpoo.

The official programme is as follows:—

Lai Wah Cup, 1st Round:—

Civilians v. Royal Navy, kick-off 4.40 p.m. Referee: Captain Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A. Linesmen: Staff Sgt. Gilbert and B.Q.M. Hutchins. Ground:—H.K.F.C., Happy Valley.

League, Division I, kick-off 4.45 p.m.

Royal Artillery v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo. Referee:—Mr. Barber, R.N.

2nd Batt. Scots Guards v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., Chatham-road. Referee:—Mr. Smith.

The match at the Valley should draw a big crowd. The Navy are quietly confident of making a good show. The Civilian side selected is a good one, as also is the Naval side; the latter, it is expected, will turn out one or two "dark horses" who, if they play up to Home side reputations, will keep the Civilian defence very busy all the afternoon. The match should be a very sporting one and I certainly like the look of the Naval XI whose only difficulty has been at half back where they possess three fine centre halves in Farlowe, Peart and Cope, and have wisely decided to play all three, as each man is a sterling half back and can be depended upon for a good display. The fact that Kernick, who has been getting goals for Kowloon, is amongst the reserves, points to the strength of the forward line whilst in Barkham, Baker and Brockman, the Navy have a last line of defence quite equal to that of the Civilians. The selected sides are as follow:—

Royal Navy:—Brockman; Barkham, Baker (captain); Cope, Peart, Farlowe; Van Tromp, Firth, Northey, Lennard, Cobb. Reserves: Preston, Wright, Kernick, Willcox.

Civilians:—Clarke (Police) captain; Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.); Hedley (Kowloon), Stewart (H.K.F.C.), McKelvie (Kowloon, Taylor (H.K.F.C.), Howarth (Police), Gosano (Recreio), Rocha (Recreio), Cornwall (Police). Reserves: Sherry (Police), McGreavy (Police), McBride (H.K.F.C.), Brown (Recreio).

Hedley (Kowloon), Taylor (H.K.F.C.) and Howarth (Police) are in the nature of new "caps" and all three players in recent games have been deserving of representative honours, as each player has played with much distinction for his Club. Stewart again occupies the pivotal position in the team, and if the Club centre half produces another game similar to his display in the Scotland v. China (international final), the Civilian side will not be let down. The Civilian right wing, Howarth and Taylor, should be strong, as Howarth is a great worker and just the man to bring out Taylor's best, and Gosano can be relied on in a big game to give a display of high class soccer.

It will be a hard match and goals will be hard to get despite the clever forwards on both sides, but spectators should be rewarded with a thrilling match with plenty of exciting movements.

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With the R.A. the Scots Guards and the K.O.S.B.'s fighting a triangular contest for the runners-up position in the 1st League, the two senior matches on Saturday should provide much interest.

At Kowloon, the Guards must beat the Queen's Regt. if they still wish to keep in the running; and the R.A. will not go down easily to the Athletic at Sookumpoo, although the Chinese combination have regained their match winning form, and have the confidence of a commanding lead. The R.A., despite losses, are a good side; their weakness at present being in front of goal where too much is expected of Leach who is generally carefully watched, but if the other inside forwards will hit the ball, when favourably placed, without hesitation, R.A. will get more goals.

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Owing to re-arrangement of fixtures, an extremely interesting match is down for the Kowloon ground on Tuesday next, when the locals will entertain Chinese Athletic on the Railway ground. Kowloon have not yet met the Athletic, and the match should be a most attractive one. In all probability, but it is not certain, this will be Northey's last appearance for Kowloon, and a large crowd will be present to see this popular player and give him a good send off. Kowloon spectators in particular are very appreciative of the services rendered by the Navy player since he has been associated with the team, as both off and on the field, he has been a credit to the local Club and to the Senior Service.

HOME SOCCER.

MATCH IN SOUTHERN SECTION

NEWPORT V. EXETER.

London, Yesterday.

In division III (southern section) of the Football League to-day, Newport defeat Exeter by a goal to nil, at Newport.—Reuter.

The table now is:—

Division III. (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	32	21	5	6	98	45	47
Northants	31	18	6	7	81	50	42
Plymouth	32	17	5	10	69	45	39
Swindon	29	15	7	7	69	50	37
Exeter	32	14	9	9	53	43	37
Newport	32	15	7	10	65	54	37
Brighton	32	14	9	9	64	55	37
Queen's P.R.	32	15	6	11	54	41	36
Crystal Pal.	32	13	9	10	59	59	35
Southend	31	14	4	13	55	54	32
Brentford	33	13	5	15	58	61	31
Gillingham	30	11	8	11	48	51	30
Charlton	30	10	10	10	42	54	30
Bournemouth	32	11	7	14	59	68	29
Norwich	31	8	9	14	55	59	25
Watford	31	10	5	16	51	62	25
Bristol R.	31	11	3	17	56	71	25
Merthyr	33	8	9	16	46	73	25
Coventry	31	9	6	16	53	71	24
Walsall	33	9	6	18	54	80	24
Luton	31	9	5	17	68	74	23
Torquay	32	6	10	16	39	81	22

BASEBALL VISITORS.

The American Asiatic Fleet which arrived this morning made a wireless request for baseball games between themselves and various local clubs. Mr. L. R. Ildefonso, hon. secretary of the Hong Kong Baseball League, at once arranged for an interesting series to be played.

The difficulty lies in the fact that there are no grounds available as yet, but it is hoped that arrangements, within the next few days, will be made for the entertainment of the visitors.

If satisfactory agreements can be made with the Recreation Grounds authorities, local "fans" should be assured of a fine and thrilling series, as already the Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Hong Kong Baseball Clubs have signified their acquiescence with the provisional programme.

H.K.V.D.C. RIFLE MEETING.

The programme for the annual rifle meeting of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, to be held at Stonecutters on April 8 and 9, is issued.

There are twelve competitions, as follow:—Blake Shield (an inter-Unit competition), Francis Cup (teams of four), Jar competition (teams of four), Plate competition (teams of six), Corps Championship, Tyro competition, Musketry competition, Hong Kong Volunteer Reserve Challenge Cup (confined to Reserve Company), Lewis Gun competition, Revolver competition, and a Revolver competition open to all comers.

The Fanling Hunt will meet to-morrow at Lok-ma-chau cross-roads instead of at Mr. Potts's Bungalow.

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy against the Hong Kong Football Club (rugger section) in the first match of the triangular series between the Navy, Army and Club, to be played on Saturday afternoon:—E. R. A. Duckworth (Ambrose); Lt. Usher (Hermes), Lt. Fenton (Hermes), Mid. Campbell (Cumberland), E. R. A. Rothwell (Ambrose); Sig. Davis (Ambrose), Lt. Davis (Titania) captain; A. B. Paddon (Petersfield), Mr. Birkett (Ambrose), A. B. Appleyard (Somme), E. R. A. Stobart (Ambrose), E. R. A. Davies (Ambrose), Lt. Gaisford (Titania), A. B. Cox (Ambrose), Sig. Evans (Ambrose).

BILLIARDS.

HONG KONG DEFEAT SHANGHAI.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT.

Hong Kong already defeated Shanghai in the Portuguese interport billiards contest although one more match remains to be played.

At the Club Lusitano last night, H. da Luz (Hong Kong) beat F. A. Alvarez (Shanghai) by 500 points to 330. Hong Kong therefore led by 880 points and as the remaining match to-night (between the respective captains) is only 500 up, Shanghai cannot reverse the position.

This is the third meeting in the interport series. Hong Kong was won twice here and Shanghai once at Shanghai.

da Luz established an early lead last night. His highest breaks were 42, 40 and 39, and his average 7.80. Alvarez had an average of 5.12 and his best breaks were 30 and 26.

To-day, the two captains meet at 6 p.m. They are A. J. Osmund (Hong Kong) and G. M. P. Remedios (Shanghai).

Scores to Date.

Hong Kong	Points.	Highest Break.	Average.
L. A. Osmund	500	43	7.93
C. F. Vas ...	500	45	6.58
R. F. Luz ...	500	59	10.00
F. M. Cruz ..	500	38	7.35
H. da Luz ...	500	42	7.80
A. J. Osmund	to play		
Total	2,500		

Shanghai	Points.	Highest Break.	Average.
J. Medina ...	409	38	6.49
A. A. Silva .	285	21	3.95
A. A. Souza .	284	41	5.68
L. R. Barrera	312	31	4.59
F. A. Alvares	330	30	5.12
G. M. P. Remedios	to play		
Total	1,620		

A. J. Osmund (the Colony's champion) and E. D. Bush (a former Shanghai "open" finalist) gave a second exhibition last night at the conclusion of the interport fixture. Osmund won by 750 points to 286. Osmund compiled a break of 117, with which he ran to his points and also had efforts of 71, 59 and 54. The balls never ran kindly for Bush who, however, returned an average of 9.53 to the champion's 25.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sir Henry Pollock having won the chess championship of the Colony, the previous holder, C. M. Sequeira, defeated D. E. Carvalho in a game which needed two sittings and thus took second place in the tournament. Only one match is outstanding and the position now is:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Sir H. Pollock	11	10	0	1	10
C. M. Sequeira	11	8	2	1	9
S. L. Hussain	11	7	2	2	8
D. E. Carvalho	10	7	0	3	7
H. W. Randall	11	6	0	5	6
C. E. Wong	11	5	0	6	5
C. Chon	11	4	2	5	5
H. Lo	11	4	1	6	4½
S. G. Kumble	11	4	0	7	4
J. C. Faers	11	2	1	8	2½
A. W. Hawker	10	2	0	8	2
J. S. Smith	11	1	2	8	2

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

Hong Kong Cricket Club teams for friendly matches at 2 p.m. to-morrow are as follow.

1st XI (away) v: Kowloon C.C.:—T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, H. R. B. Hancock, E. J. R. Mitchell, Capt. N. Thorp, A. H. Musson, H. Owen Hughes, M. M. Maas, W. H. N. Murdock, E. R. Duckitt, J. C. Dunbar.

2nd XI (home) v. 15th Brigade 2nd XI.

S. J. Jordain, G. D. Mead, J. E. Hancock, W. K. Tait, J. R. Collis, L. M. S. Lloyd, C. P. James, C. E. Gahagan, J. R. Way, S. T. Stanesby, A. C. Howell, J. Rankin.

THE "TOTE" BILL.

London, March 14.

The fate of the Totalisator Bill on Friday is very dubious. Sir R. Hamilton explained at a meeting of Members of Parliament the effects of the totalisator which he did not think would be made compulsory, but courses which did not install them would naturally not partake of any benefits.

It was intended that the bookmaker and the machine should work on an equal footing, the former to pay a fee graded according to the monetary value of his position. The speaker imagined that ultimately the totalisator would determine the starting prices. If it eventually failed, the loss would not fall on racing but on the body which provided the money for the totalisator's installation.

London, March 14.—Miss Betty Nuthall has been very much out of form in Riviera lawn tennis contests of late and has sustained numerous defeats.

London, March 14.—Both the Oxford and Cambridge eights are now training at Putney. Cambridge are still changing the order of their crew. Both crews are, however, apparently equal as to their merits and the issue of the forthcoming boatrace is an open one.

STEEPLECHASES.

ENTRIES FOR NEXT KWANTI MEETING.

PONIES AND WEIGHTS.

Entries, and the weights for the Fanling Hunt's next steeplechase meeting at Kwanti on March 31 are as follow:—

Mr. Reidy's Chin Shan, 161 lbs.; Mr. Crabbe's Gold Medal, 153; Mr. Reidy's Grande del Norte, 158; Mr. Beith's Grey Cloud, 152; Dr. Anderson's Honeymoon, 150; Dr. Pierce Grove's Little River, 150; Mr. Usher's Macao Beauty, 150; Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War, 150; Mrs. Priestley's Mysterious (late Masonic Hall), 155; Mr. Erskine's Rupert, 147; Mr. Miller's Scooter, 147; Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell's Shady Joe, 153; Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River, 150; Mr. Reidy's Tartar (late Lady Lone), 155; Mr. Hee Cheong's Waichow, 144; Mr. Crabbe's Warrington 153.

Lightweight Foxhunter's Cup: about 1½ miles.

A cup presented by Mr. W. T. Stanton, for China ponies that have been regularly and fairly hunted with the Fanling Hounds, or which have started in a paper-chase or point-to-point this season.

Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, 160 lbs.; Mr. Maas's Caviare, 155; Mr. Reidy's Chin Shan, 150; Dr. Durran's Drake, 150; Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, 150; Mr. Maas's More Better, 160; Mr. Usher's Mowgli, 160; Mr. Barne's Pekin, 150; Mr. Erskine's Rupert, 150; Mr. Sturt's Two Step, 150.

Fanling Grand National Handicap: about 2¼ miles.

For a Challenge Cup to be held by the winner for one year, winner to receive a replica.

Mr. Reidy's San Diego, 170 lbs.; Mr. Erskine's Easter Day, 164; Mr. Reidy's Chin Shan, 161; Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades, 160; Mr. Maas's Caviare, 159; Mr. Usher's Mowgli, 159; Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, 158; Mr. Fischer's Solitaire, 158; Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, 154; Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War, 153; Mr. Usher's Macao Beauty, 153; Dr. Durran's Drake, 150; Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River 150; Dr. Anderson's Yorks, 148; Dr. Pierce Grove's Little River 146; Dr. Anderson's Honeymoon, 145; Mr. Backhouse's Sheila, 145.

James Pigg Cup: about 1½ miles.

A cup presented by Mr. James Pigg, for ponies that have been regularly and fairly hunted with the Fanling Hounds.

Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, 168 lbs.; Mr. Reidy's Chin Shan, 168; Mr. Potts's Craigavad, 178; Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg, 178; Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, 178; Mr. Macnamara's Lord Scamperdale, 168; Mr. Davidson's Nobleman, 168; Mr. Barne's Pekin, 168; Mr. Crabbe's Seal Tax, 168; Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell's Shady Joe, 168; Mr. Watson's Vincent, 168; Dr. Anderson's Yorks, 168.

Consolation Race: about 7 furlongs.

For China ponies that have started at this meeting or at Kwanti this season. Winner at this meeting barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won a steeplechase this season 10 lbs. penalty.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

CAPTAINS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR.

The following captains of sports teams at the Diocesan Boys' School have been elected for 1928:—

Football: Pong Pun-fong.
Tennis: Lee Ian-pit.
Cricket: Donald Anderson.
Volley Ball: Wong Shiu-kong.

A basket ball club is also being started and a large number of boys are taking up roller skating which takes place in the large covered playground 100 feet by 70 feet.

"At Home" on April 14.

The Headmaster and Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, the Staff and Scholars of the School will hold an "at Home" on Saturday, April 14, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. There will be exhibition games, roller skating, and music and dancing. The Band of the 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment will be present.

Volley Ball.

The Diocesan Boys' School and Kowloon Tong met for the first time at volley ball at the School. The game resulted in a win for the School by 21-0 and 21-3. It is several years since the School played volley ball. A School club has now been formed and Wong Shiu-kong has been elected captain, Tse Tsok-chow, vice-captain, and Wong Cheong-kee, secretary.

On Sunday next there will be a match between the Shek O Club and the Kowloon Golf Club at Shek O. Starting times will be between 10.40 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. and again after tiffin.

London, March 14.—Mr. John Buchan's Bill which will give local authorities power to license new greyhound racing tracks and to suppress juvenile betting is certain to obtain its first reading to-day.

$40,000 PROFIT.

"THE SKELETON AT THE FEAST."

WARATAHS' TOUR.

London, Feb. 6.

Remarkable details are given below of the profits made on the Waratahs' British tour—and the steps taken to keep down expenses.

When the balance-sheet for the Waratahs' tour is finally made out it will be found that a net profit in the vicinity of £40,000 has been made—more than the last Australian cricket eleven or the All-Blacks Rugby team of 1924 realised.

The net profit from the All-Blacks' tour was £21,000. One reason for the increase is that the New South Wales team played four matches in Scotland, whereas the All-Blacks played none; another is that the Waratahs' expenses were very much lower.

The receipts from the four international matches in which the Waratahs played can only be described as colossal. In round figures these receipts amounted to £35,000. The match against England produced £15,700, that against Scotland well over £10,000, the Welsh match £5,000, and the Irish match £4,500.

One Match Pays For Tour.

As the expenses amounted to some £12,000 (as against the All Blacks' £18,000) the Waratahs' game against England alone paid the costs of the tour.

The Waratahs played 28 matches in Great Britain, and as four of these produced £35,000 it is safe to estimate an additional £25,000 from the remaining 24 matches. Had fine weather prevailed for the two London matches profits would have been even greater.

Gross receipts of over £60,000 indicate the great public interest in the tour.

The probable profit of £40,000 will be divided among the four home Rugby governing bodies in a fixed proportion.

	£
England	17,000
Wales	11,000
Scotland	7,000
Ireland	5,000
Total	40,000

The New South Wales Rugby Union gets nothing except an amount of £600, a proportion of the £1,000 estimated to cover the expense of their tour in Canada which has been guaranteed by the International Board under whose auspices the tour was conducted.

The New South Wales Union asked the board for £400 to cover the cost of equipment and replacements (extra jerseys, etc.), and an additional £400 for Canada. The Waratahs' anxiety to "save the bawbees" may be gathered from the fact that they used fewer than 60 jerseys—as against 500 used by the All Blacks in 1924.

In addition, special practice jerseys were brought over to save wear and tear on the more expensive representative jerseys, and the total cost of replacements did not exceed £120.

Objections.

But, in spite of these facts and of the hard struggle amateur Rugby in New South Wales has had to keep alive in face of the powerful opposition of the Rugby League game, the Board intimated that it could not help either with equipment or a full contribution towards the tour in Canada, Scotland objecting successfully although England and Wales approved.

Scotland also (although having no jurisdiction in the matter) objected to the Waratahs' visiting France, and particularly to their taking back to their Union £1,600 which the French Rugby Federation guaranteed as the share of the gate receipts from the three matches played in France.

The Scottish members of the Board, although invited, were absent from the dinner given to the Board by the New South Wales, R. U. Among the guests on that occasion were the Earl of Birkenhead, Earl Beauchamp, Viscount Chelmsford, and the High Commissioner for Australia.

An Eye on the Food Bills.

Although the board knew expenses would be covered two or three times over by the receipts from the four international games, they took extreme precautions to keep expenses low.

A representative of the board actually sat with the team at meals to see that it kept strictly within the fixed tariff of 2s. 6d. for lunch and 4s. 6d. for dinner. If the tariff were exceeded the excess was demanded by the waiter, and had to be paid forthwith.

Among the Waratahs the official came to be known as "the skeleton at the feast."

London, March 14—Eton defeated Harrow at racquets by 4-1.

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

A MATCH REPLAYED.

There was no championship match yesterday in the Hong Kong Cricket Club lawn tennis tournament.

An unusual occurrence in the Handicap Singles "A" was the replaying of one match. D. S. Green had already "defeated" W. M. Lyons but they played again yesterday because a mistake had been made in the scoring of the first. As at the first time of asking, Green won in two straight sets.

Yesterday's Results.

Handicap Singles "A": C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 15/1) beat S. E. Green (owe 15/3) 11-9, 6-4; D. S. Green (rec. 15/1) beat W. M. Lyons (rec. 4/6), 6-3, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B": Lt. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 15) beat H. Spicer (rec. 5/6) 6-2, 6-2; J. Barrow (owe 15) beat G. G. Johnston (rec. 15) 6-0, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles: O. H. Bradley and Major C. Willson (rec. 15) beat R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (owe 15) 7-9, 8-6, 6-2.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles: J. Silva v. E. D. Lawrence.

Open Doubles: Y. Sajiki and T. Isomura v. R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley.

Club Championship Singles: J. G. Lawrie v. S. E. Green.

Handicap Singles "A": G. C. Grove (owe 1/6) v. Capt. E. H. Jacobs Larkcom (rec. 4/6).

Handicap Singles "B": A. C. Howell (rec. 1/6) v. A. Reid (owe 4/6); Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15/1) v. G. Rankin (rec. 15); W. A. Stewart (rec. 15/1) v. C. L. C. Sandes (rec. 3/6).

SHAMEEN HOCKEY TEAM.

Shameen is sending a hockey team to play the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI on Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon.

The Club team will be:—Howell; Henry, Farquharson, Lloyd, Dand (captain), Murray, Slipper, Mitchell, Wheeler, Woodward, Lammert.

The Club will meet the Royal Navy on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, on Wednesday, at 5.15 p.m. The Club team will be:—Lockhart-Smith; Henry, Lyon; Lloyd, Dand (captain), Farquharson; Woodward, Mitchell, Lawrence, Wheeler, A. N. Other.

London, March 10:—Both of the 'Varsity crews are showing excellent form. They have both been out this week for fast work on the upper reaches of the Thames.

London, March 10.—J. F. Devlin retained the badminton singles title to-day, and Mrs. Tragett won the ladies' singles title. In an international match England beat Scotland by 8 matches to 1.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F. C. in a friendly match on the Kowloon ground to-morrow, kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp. Opponents will probably be H.M.S. "Cumberland":—Slipper; Wheeler, Dodshon; Guest, Sims, Bliss; Pile, Tiernan, Kernick, Muir, Vickars.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.88 5/32
Brussels	35.02
Geneva	25.84
Amsterdam	12.12¼
Milan	92.40
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.28½
Vienna	34.69½
Prague	164¾
Helsingfors	193¾
Madrid	29.08½
Lisbon	2 1/32
Athens	368½
Bucharest	785½
Rio	5 59/64
Buenos Aires	47 29/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/6¾
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Date.	Sunrise. a.m.	Sunset. p.m.
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24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
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THE NEW "GROVE."

PALESTRINA AND OTHERS.

This penultimate volume of "Groves' Dictionary of Music and Musicians,"* edited by Mr. H. C. Colles, is even more closely packed with information than its predecessors. It may be that the present generation does not require just so much of the information that Mr. Colles has been at such pains to retain regarding the compositions and the lives of Schubert (fifty-four pages) and Schumann (thirty-nine pages) as in the previous volume he did with Mendelssohn (fifty pages), even though the article in the last-named was "retained as a masterly presentation of the view of Mendelssohn accepted when his reputation stood highest." The present generation may delve in the new "Grove" and discover much concerning musicians whose works are dead as mutton; in it may be found, for example, short biographies of Pacchierotti, Pacelli, Pacini, Padbrue, Padilla-y-Ramos, Panjeron, Panofka, Pasterwitz, Pechaczek, Piozzi, Platel, Raif, Raoul Rembt, Rietz, Riotte, Angelo de Santi, Schebest, Scherer, Schimon, Schindelmeisser, Anton Schmid, Schobert, Schreyer, Schubaur, and many others whose names are unfamiliar even to students of musical history. Each of these musicians played his part in his own day, with more or less success. Whether as editors, historians, singers, instrumentalists, or composers, they have, no doubt, helped to keep the flame of art burning from their own epoch to the next. More vital to the inquiring mind are some of the new articles on old subjects. That on Palestrina, by the Rev. J. R. Milne, may be taken as the last authoritative word on an artist whose work is of perpetual interest, and more widely cultivated now than ever. The author corrects the old tradition that Palestrina was of very humble origin, pointing out that it has now been discovered that his parents, Sante Pierluigi and Maria Gismondi, occupied a fairly good social position in the little cathedral town of Palestrina as owners of houses and lands. Much research work stands behind this succint biography, in which one may read all there is to be told about his youth, his early training, the beginning of his career—he was appointed organist and choirmaster of the cathedral in his native town at the age of 19—his marriage to a lady, Lucretia de Goris, who brought him comparative wealth, his official relations with more than one Pope, his work at St. John Lateran, and at St. Peter's, and a simple, unbiased, scholarly account of his compositions. The sectional arrangement of the matter—as in all the major articles in the new edition—is excellent and a vast improvement on the old volumes, wherein one often found it difficult to see the wood for the trees.

The Scarlattis.

Of the Scarlatti family there were six musicians in two generations. These are now paraded as Alessandro (1659-1725), Francesco, his brother (b. 1668), Pietro Filippo, eldest son of Alessandro (1679-1750), Giuseppe Domenico, commonly known as Domenico, son of Alessandro (1685-1757), Tommaso, brother of Alessandro (1670-1760), and Giuseppe, son of Tommaso (1723-1777). Tommaso is new to the list—a discovery of Professor Dent. He was a tenor singer, played the comic parts in several of his brother's operas, and had ten children, of whom the second Giuseppe was one, which makes the latter nephew and not grandson of Alessandro, as stated in the old Grove.

A new and learned article on Plain-Song bears the initials of the Bishop of Truro, and a brilliant and provocative essay on sixteenth-century polyphony those of Mr. R. O. Morris, whose monograph on the subject, published two or three years ago, created something like a mild sensation, so plainly did it challenge scholastic theories of counterpoint. Mr. Morris says here: "We must admit the need for some real principle of harmonic synthesis, nay more, we must acknowledge, if we are honest, that the burning question for the music of to-day is, Where can such a principle be found? The sixteenth century, as we have seen, found its own answer to the question, and in that answer we, too, can find truth if we try, as we should always try, to penetrate beyond the letter into the spirit informing the letter. . . . A chord is an assemblage of intervals and it, in turn, is more or less concordant according as the more or the less concordant intervals preponderate in its composition. And a composer will therefore choose more concordant or less concordant assemblages from moment to moment, according as he wants his different voices to blend or to assert their separate selves. It is not a matter of theory, but of plain psychological fact, grounded in the very nature of what we may call our aural consciousness—i.e., the way in which we hear music."

Some Moderns.

First-rate criticism is to be found in the articles on Schonberg by Edwin Evans, on Purcell and Dame Ethel Smyth by Mr. Colles, on Sibelius and Cyril Scott by Eric Blom, and on Puccini and Respighi by Mr. Bonavia. Mrs. Rosa Newmarch sums up her study of Scriabin in these excellent words: "Whether, as Safonov once prophesied to the writer, Scriabin would have strangled his creative gift in the noose of his self-made formulas, or whether in his passionate zeal for a more supersensitised art he would, in his upward flight, have dropped some of those hierophantic pretensions and complexities which threatened the sources of pure musical inspiration, must, because of his untimely death, remain a debatable question. It seems probable that when his theosophical programmes are forgotten some of his music will still appeal because of its winged ecstatic quality and a joyousness rare in the art of his period—and these aspects are most subtly expressed by him through the medium of the piano."

Amongst the omissions of the present volume are the pianist Schnabel, the conductors Serahn and Sokoloff, and the French critic, Prunieres. And it is incorrect to state that Miss Margaret Sheridan, the Irish singer, "met with considerable success" at the Chicago Opera House in 1923-4. That charming prima donna has not yet crossed the Atlantic.

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A GAY BICENTENARY

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA FIRST NIGHT.

On Jan. 29, 1728, "The Beggar's Opera" was first performed at Rich's theatre in Lincoln's Innfields. John Gay, "a little, round French abbe of a man, sleek, soft-handed, and soft-hearted," as Thackeray describes him, was quivering with excitement. His host of friends in the house were anxious. The piece was such a novel experiment.

Swift had thrown out the suggestion of a play with malefactors as principal characters—"A Newgate pastoral might make an odd, pretty sort of thing." But when shown the project in process of writing he did not much like what Gay made of it. Colley Cibber immediately rejected it for Drury Lane. Congreve read over the manuscript, and declared oracularly that "it would either take greatly or be damned confoundedly." The Duke of Queensberry said truly, "This is a very odd thing, Gay; it is either a very good thing or a very bad thing."

According to Macklin, the actor, who was present, it was not until after the chorus in the second act, "Let us take to the Road," that the applause became universal and unbounded. It was sung to the air of "the grand march in Rinaldo, with drums and trumpets," and the audience took it up and cheered lustily when the highwaymen followed the stage direction to "load their pistols, stick them in their girdles, walk round, and go off singing."

Lavinia Fenton.

Hogarth's famous picture of the scene where Polly kneels to her father, to intercede for the life of her husband, shows the stage and the original players exactly as they were. Captain Macheath, in irons in the centre, was acted by Tom Walker.

Hippisley was Peachum, Hall Lockit, Mrs. Egleton Lucy. Lavinia Fenton, not strikingly beautiful, but with pretty face and figure and "silvery plaintive voice," made a perfect Polly Peachum, arrayed in Quaker simplicity. Her appearance, her acting, her singing won enthusiastic tributes. Her portrait in mezzotint, with that of Walker as Macheath, was in every print shop.

Lavinia Fenton was the first actress to capture a coronet. In Hogarth's picture, among the fashionable figures in the boxes along each side of the stage is the Duke of Bolton. He is the nearest to the spectator on the right, arrayed in wig, velvet coat, gold lace, blue riband and star. He attended many of the performances, and became so infatuated with Polly that, living apart from his wife, he induced her at the end of the season to leave the stage to live under his protection, and when he could do so he married her.

Many of the political allusions were intentional; many more were invented by the public. Macklin said Sir Robert Walpole was never able to be at ease when he attended a performance, because of the continued allusions the audience insisted on perceiving. There was significant laughter when Peachum, enumerating the gang, came to "Robin of Bagshot, alias Bluff Bob, alias Carbuncle, alias Bob Booty." Lockit's song, referred to in Swift's letter, runs:

When you censure the age,
Be cautious and sage,
Lest the courtiers offended should be;
If you mention vice or bribe,
'Tis so fit to all the tribe,
Each cries —— That was levelled at me!

Everyone looked at Walpole's box, and the song was loudly encored. He had the good sense to applaud himself, upon which all parts of the house cheered.

The First Long Run.

The piece had an unprecedented run of sixty-two nights, with some interruptions. No play of Dryden or Congreve ever enjoyed such a success. It made Rich gay and Gay rich, as the popular saying had it. The third, sixth, ninth, and fifteenth nights were "benefits" of the author, who, according to usage, got the net receipts, aggregating £693 13s. 6d. Gay wrote to Swift: "To-night is the fifteenth time of acting the "Beggar's Opera," and it is thought it will run a fortnight longer. I made no interest, either for approbation or money, nor hath any one been pressed to take tickets for my benefit, notwithstanding which I shall make an addition to my fortune of between six and seven hundred pounds."

On the twenty-first night, the King, Queen, and Princesses were present. After thirty-six performances Rich had profited to the extent of nearly £4,000, and still it ran on, drawing crowded houses. It was taken to Dublin, and ran for more than twenty nights. "We are as full of it," wrote Swift, "as London can be—continually acting and houses crammed, and the Lord-Lieutenant several times there—laughing his heart out."

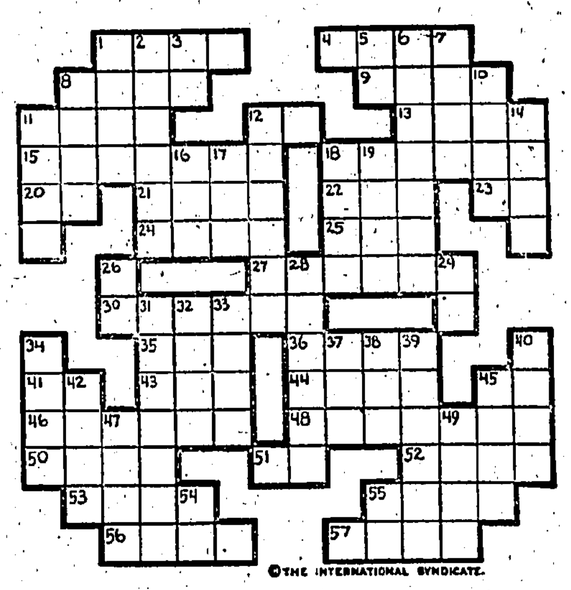
"Encouragement to Vice."

The proprieties pretended to be startled, declaring the play was immoral. Sir John Fielding, the magistrate, said that "fresh cargoes of highwaymen" were brought before him as a consequence of the opera. Dr. Herring, later Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching before the Court, censured it as "giving encouragement not only to vice, but to crimes, by making a highwayman the hero and dismissing him at last unpunished."

The protests of the pseudo-moralists, of course, packed the house fuller than ever. Swift defended its morality as "placing all kinds of vice in the strongest and most odious light. To expose vice and make people laugh with innocence does more public service than all the Ministers of State, from Adam to Walpole." Gibbon had the fantastic notion that it tended to "the refinement of highwaymen." Dr. Johnson expressed the common sense of the matter in his biography of Gay: "It was plainly written only to divert, without any moral purpose, and is therefore not likely to do good; nor can it be conceived, without more speculation than life requires or admits, to be productive of much evil."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1–Ground occupied by army at rest
4–Expression of endearment
8–Exactly alike
9–Pool of standing water
11–Inexperienced speculator
12–From (prefix)
13–Girl's name
15–Narrow
18–Old Roman guard
20–Abbreviation for New England
21–Withered
22–Wrath
23–Abbreviation for Postmaster
24–Regard with care
25–Performed
27–Inserted in garment for strengthening
30–Island near New York City
35–Metal as extracted from the earth
36–To cut with shears
41–From
43–Tumor
44–Disabled in the limbs

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

45–Abbreviation for South Africa
46–Iterate
48–Practiced or experienced people
50–Rend
51–Part of verb "to be"
52–An awkward fellow
53–Vehicle mounted on runners
55–Kidney shaped seed of plant
56–Revise for publication
57–Collection of cattle

VERTICAL

1–Projecting part of a wheel (pl.)
2–Lying in wait to attack by surprise
3–Pronoun
5–Toward a higher place
6–To yield
7–Node or joint in a stem
8–Mentally sound
10–Globule of moisture
11–Single division of a chain
12–Drag for sweeping bottom of river

VERTICAL (Cont.)

14–Body of men equipped for war
16–Quarter to which the wind blows
17–100 square meters
18–Movable closing covers
19–Pupil of the eye
26–Pronoun
28–Pawnbrokers
29–Preposition, noting motion towards
31–Rose to a great height
32–Any plane surface having bounds
33–Canvas covering
34–A harbor
37–Loose
38–Sprite
39–A crab while shedding its shell
40–Support for sails
42–Payments for services rendered
45–Render senseless by a blow
47–Wanting in color
49–Highway
54–Prefix. Two
55–To exist

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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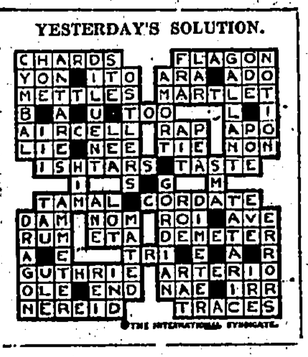

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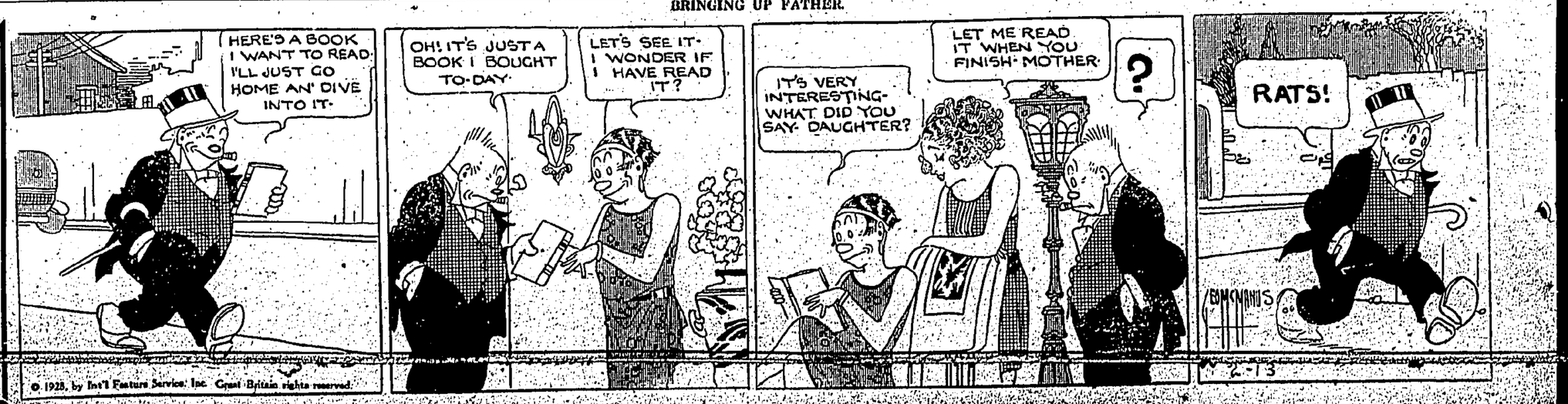

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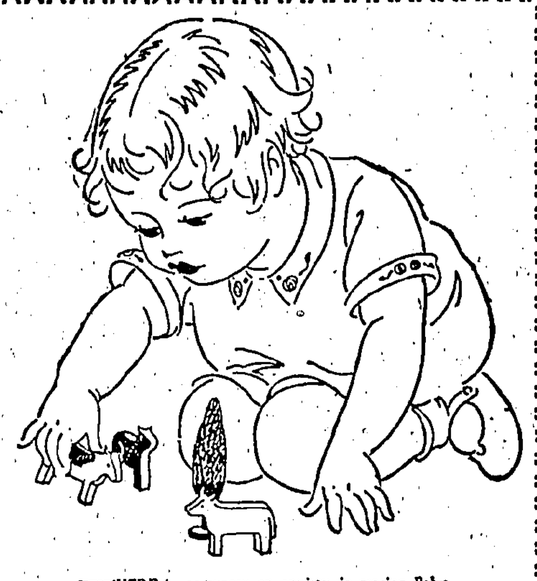

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ANNUAL RIFLE MEET IN APRIL.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders are issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—

Annual Rifle Meeting.

The annual Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on April 8 and 9, 1928.

Launches will leave Murray Pier at 8 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon ten minutes later.

Approximate times of firing:—

Sunday, April 8.

9.00 a.m. Blake Shield.
11.00 ,, Francis Cup.
2.00 p.m. Jar Competition.
3.00 ,, Plate Competition.
4.30 ,, Attack Competition.

Monday, April 9.

9.00 a.m. Corps Championship.
9.00 ,, Tyro Competition.
11.30 ,, Musketry Competition.
2.30 p.m. Reserves Challenge Cup.
3.30 ,, Lewis Gun Competition.

Revolver Competition, Corps and All Comers, will be fired both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those wishing to have tiffins provided for them on either day must inform the Hon. Secretary not later than April 2, and enclose $1.50.

Programmes can be obtained on application at Volunteer Headquarters.

Musketry.

Sunday, March 25.

The Reserve Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 25, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 24, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, March 29. It is expected of all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

Engineer Company.

Field Section: All ranks of the Section who are entitled to medals, and who have not already received same, should apply to the Section Officer for a form which should be filled in and sent in to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Corps Signals.

There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 29, at 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 Platoon.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, and Tuesday, March 27, for M.G. Training. Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company.

Thursday, March 29, at 5.30 p.m.:—

No. 5 Platoon will parade at Taikoo for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon Dock for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

No. 7 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

Dress: Mufti.

Sunday, April 1. "Dyer" Cup, for Inter-Platoon Musketry will be shot for at Stonecutters on Sunday, April 1, 1928.

Mr. A. K. Henderson has kindly presented a Cup for the best individual aggregate score including hits in attack.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for Competitors, Glengarry, khaki tunic, khaki shorts, khaki hose tops, flashes, short putties, black boots.

Equipment: Belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 30, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 31, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison.

Corps Rifle Meeting, Sunday and Monday, April 8 and 9.

Platoon entries should be sent in as soon as possible to Corpl. T. P. Saunderson, c/o Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.

Thursday, April 26, 1928:—"Quarry Bay" Cup Competition will be competed for at Corps Headquarters. Details will be circulated separately.

Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, for Rapid Fire Training, Kennedy-road, and Miniature Range practices.

Dress: Belt, frog, sling, rifle and bayonet.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Next Company parade on Friday, March 30, 1928.

Promotion and Appointment.

No. 517 Pte. C. L. Edwards, A.C. Co., is promoted to Sergeant, as from March 16, 1928.

No. 1191 Pte. C. A. Cunha, No. 10 Platoon, is appointed Lance Corporal, as from March 21, 1928.

Transfer.

No. 517 Sergt. C. L. Edwards is transferred from Armoured Car Co., to the Reserve Co., A.C. Sec., as from March 16, 1928.

Reversion.

No. 946 L/Cpl. A. M. B. Rocha, No. 10 Platoon reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from March 31, 1928.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Lieut. R. S. Logan, Engineer Co., from April 15 to December 14, 1928.

2/Lieut. A. C. Groves, Armoured Car Co., from March 28, 1928, to March 27, 1929.

No. 80 C.S.M. H. Green, Infantry Co., from April 1 to December 31, 1928.

Resignations.

Having left the Colony:—

No. 749 Pte. E. Dewhurst, Armoured Car Co., as from March 10, 1928.

No. 936 Drummer Wm. Gardner, No. 5 Platoon, as from March 14, 1928.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICES.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, April 1, at 9 a.m.

Portuguese Company Rifle Club Shoot.

Sunday, March 25, at Peak Range. Only those detailed by Rifle Club Committee to attend. Firing commences at 9 a.m.

Addressing 700 Canadian Boy Scout officers, patrol leaders, and officials, Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, urged expansion of the Boy Scout movement to include larger numbers of both English and French. "I hope very much to see in the near future," he said, "English and French Boy Scouts co-operating and working together under the Boy Scout movement to help themselves to get to know each other better."

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FRIDAY, MARCH 23.		
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SOVIET REPLY.

M. Litvinoff Refutes Criticisms.

MODERATE TONE.

Russia Willing To Co-operate On One Condition.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Before the Disarmament Committee M. Litvinoff made a long statement in moderate tone and endeavoured to refute Lord Cushendun's criticisms.

He dwelt on the Soviet's efforts in the cause of peace and concluded by intimating that he would continue to co-operate with the Committee if the Committee declared its acceptance of the principle of total disarmament.

Spain to Rejoin.

It is announced that Spain has decided to rejoin the League of Nations.

France Seconds.

M. Litvinoff cited the Soviet's voluntary co-operation with the committee as evidence of its good faith, but that did not imply that the Soviet had undertaken to submit to any of the rulings of the League. The Soviet would only consider itself bound by the acts drawn up by the committee and the Disarmament Conference. He cited the reservation of the United States delegation that it could not accept the jurisdiction of the League in support of the Soviet's attitude to the League and described the Zinovieff letter as a fraud. He also referred to the intervention of Britain in China and Persia.

Baron Clausel (France) seconded Lord Cushendun's proposal to submit the Soviet scheme to the consideration of the various Governments.—Reuter.

OPIUM HAUL.

THREE CHINESE FIREMEN CHARGED.

In connection with the seizure made by Chief Preventive Officer Clark and Revenue Officer Ward, on board the s.s. "Haihong" of 3,600 taels of prepared non-Government opium worth over $68,000, three Chinese firemen of the ship were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with possessing and importing the drug into the Colony.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., who appeared for the second accused, asked for a date to be fixed for hearing of the case, remarking that he understood that as the "Haihong" was due to sail on Tuesday, he understood that the C.P.O., would ask for the hearing of the case to begin on Monday. As he (Mr. d'Almada) knew that his Worship had a manslaughter case on Monday, he was prepared to relieve the defence of the necessity of calling the ship's officers to prove that his client was on duty as a fireman at the time the opium was found.

The Magistrate accordingly fixed hearing of the case for 11.30 on Tuesday morning next.

BRITISH CRUISERS.

TO REMAIN IN SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS.

London, Yesterday.

The British Admiralty have recently arranged for two cruisers to be present in South American waters during the major part of the year. It is probable that one of the two cruisers will spend most of her time on the west coast of the South American continent and the other on the east coast. They will continue to be based with the remaining ships of the squadron on Bermuda.—British Wireless Service.

After four months' tour, the only British pantomime company which has toured Canada arrived home after playing in 43 towns.

The Rev. Thomas Smyth, minister of the second largest Presbyterian congregation in Belfast, secured the majority of nominations for the Moderatorship of the Irish General Assembly.

Whether women can do the work of relieving officers was debated by Northampton Guardians, who decided by 16 votes to 6 to restrict the application for a vacant post to men.

GERMAN DRUG.

Poisons In Astrophan Preparation.

COAL TAR EXTRACTS.

Doctor Says Disease Usually Follows Administration.

London, March 8.

A drug known as atrophan, said to be a German preparation used in cases of rheumatism, gout, neuritis and similar complaints, was mentioned at an inquest at Southport.

A doctor gave evidence that death was due to acute yellow atrophy of the liver. Atrophan was administered shortly before the onset of the disease.

He was unable to prove that the drug caused the disease, but the disease usually followed the administration of the drug, which had to be most cautiously administered as it contained coal tar extracts, which were apparently poisonous to certain people

SEDITIOUS PAPERS.

CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.

"RED PICKETS."

When a Chinese named Mok Chun was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession of a printed slip and five red posters of a seditious character, in Des Voeux-road West on March 11, he gave the excuse that he had picked the papers up in the street; as he had a profound respect for written matter, he thought it his duty to rescue the papers from the refuse heap. It was his intention to deposit them in the waste paper basket. He was half blind and unable to read, so he did not discover that they were seditious papers.

Police evidence was that the accused was stopped in the street by a Chinese district watchman, and he very reluctantly allowed the watchman to examine a bundle of papers which he was carrying under his arm, and when the watchman invited him to accompany him to the police station, the accused offered him "tea money" to let him go.

Communists Busy.

Sub-Inspector Andrews, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that the printed slip contained a sentence to the effect that all who joined the movement would be promoted from "Red Pickets to Red Terror Comrades." The Inspector was of the opinion that the posters were intended to be pasted up in the street, as it was Sun Yat-sen's birthday, and Communists were busy in every district of the island and on the mainland.

When searched at the police station, another slip of paper was found in one of the accused's pockets. This convened a meeting to take place in the evening on the third floor of No. 76, Cross-street, Wanchai.

As the result of the discovery of this paper, Detective Sergeant Whelan visited the Wanchai house and seized 36 printed slips like the one found on the accused, 629 copies of the "Red Flag" which although not seditious was Communistic, and 79 other Communistic documents in which one line was seditious. That was the only mention of the British on the documents.

The accused who could not produce anyone to speak as to his character, was convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Charged With Possession.

In connection with the raid on the third floor of No. 76, Cross-street, a Chinese man and a woman were charged with possession of the documents found on the premises.

After evidence had been heard, the Magistrate decided that the man could not be convicted of possession of the papers as it could not be proved by the prosecution that he lived in the house. He might have been there for an unlawful purpose, but that was all. He was discharged.

Evidence was then called to show that the woman was the principal tenant of the floor, but she denied all knowledge of the papers, saying that they were not there when she left the house at noon. When she returned home in the evening, the police were there.

After some discussion with the police, the Magistrate said that it appeared to him that the person responsible was the woman's husband, who could not be found.

Mr. Lindsell discharged the woman and ordered all the papers found in the house to be destroyed.

MOSCOW TRIAL.

High Officials And State Funds.

42 ACCUSED PERSONS.

Government Suit For Six Million Roubles.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The trial has opened in the High Court of two of the biggest private mutual credit societies in Moscow on a charge of unlawfully receiving State funds for profiteering operations. There are 42 accused persons, which include the chairmen and directors of the societies, a number of officials of the State Bank and the People's Commissariat and Finance Department who allegedly helped to obtain State credits.

The accused are being sued for Rbles. 6,000,000.—Reuter.

SING-SONG HOUSE.

MURDER OF A CHINESE EX-PREMIER.

Tientsin, Yesterday.

It subsequently transpired that ex-Premier Chang Shou-tseng was invited to a sing-song house and was assassinated there.

Chang Shou-tseng's son married a daughter of the "Christian General" Feng Yu-hsiang. His daughter married ex-Marshal Wu Pei-fu's adopted son. In view of these affiliations, it is believed that there was a political motive to the crime, although Chang has outwardly not participated in the politics for some years.—Reuter.

JUNK PIRATED.

AN OLD GANG AT WORK?

The report of yet another piracy on board a fishing junk has been received by the police.

In this instance the crime occurred off Tamkonshan, in Chinese territory, just outside British waters in Yatmun Pass.

The junk, a local one (No. 4195-HA) was returning from the fishing grounds at 10 p.m., on Wednesday, when she was fired upon by a large junk and forced to heave to. Many pirates boarded the prey, and after driving the crew into the hold where they were imprisoned, the freebooters ransacked the boat and stole $56 in money and fish worth $54.

The police are of the opinion that the pirates were the same gang who earlier in the evening attacked two other fishing junks just inside British waters.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

TWO CHINESE JUMP INTO HARBOUR.

A Chinese woman named Li Tamsze (32) living at No. 13, High-street, West Point, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from the Shamshuipo Ferry wharf. She was rescued by boat people and the police took her to the Government Civil Hospital.

An unemployed Chinese man who recently arrived in the Colony from Shanghai also attempted suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour at the Praya near Western-street. He was also rescued and taken to the hospital.

OPIUM AROUND WAIST.

A ship's carpenter of the s.s. "Tung On" was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with the unlawful possession of 12 taels of prepared non-Government opium. Eight taels were found tied round the man's waist, whilst in each pocket of his coat two taels of the drug were found. A fine of $900 or six months' jail was imposed.

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